

Healing Hands: The Ten Lepers

Luke 17:11-19

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Have you ever spent much time in a hospital waiting room? Hospital waiting rooms are places where you encounter a lot of different emotions (ex: fear, anxiety, love, compassion).
- B. Everyone waiting in a hospital waiting room is looking for one thing: healing for their loved ones.
- C. Jesus' whole purpose for coming was to provide healing for the spiritually sick (Lk. 5:31-32; 19:10).

THE DREADED DISEASE (vs. 11-13)

- A. These men were dealing with the most dreadful disease of their day (Lev. 13-14; Num. 5:1-4).
- B. These men were unified in their misery. At least one of these men was a Samaritan (v. 16, Jn. 4:9).
- C. These men all cried out to Jesus for help, even calling him "Master". They understood what Jesus could do for them.

THE STRANGE COMMAND (v. 14a)

- A. Jesus saw these men and their pain (Matt. 9:36-37; Matt. 10:30).
- B. Jesus did not just heal these men right there on the spot (Matt. 8:5-13; Lk. 5:13-14).
- C. Jesus commanded the lepers to go and show themselves to the priests. This was something that only a cured leper would do (Lev. 13:2-3). Jesus called them to act on the words they had spoken.

THE UNEXPECTED OUTCOME (vs. 14b-19)

- A. These men didn't storm off in disbelief. Instead they started the journey toward the priests.
- B. There was only one who took the time to turn back and give praise, worship and thanks to Jesus.
- C. The Samaritan received a second miracle on that day when Jesus forgave his sins (v. 19). The phrase "Made you well" is better translated "Has saved you." His faith had "saved" him.

LIFE LESSONS FROM THIS HEALING:

- A. Count your blessings and thank the Lord for all He has done for you (Jam. 1:17; Psa. 103:1-2).
- B. Jesus can do for us what no one else can (Isa. 59:1-2; Rom. 3:23; 6:23; Eph. 1:7).
- C. When we see Jesus for who He really is, we cannot help but praise and worship Him (Psa. 95:6; 105:1-2).

CONCLUSION:

- A. The Samaritan put everything else on hold in order to return to Jesus.
- B. When we consider all the Lord has done for us, we should be grateful and loudly praise Him.
- C. What is holding you back from turning and running to Jesus this morning?