

# Healing of Ten Lepers

Luke 17:11–19

## Main Point

Worship and thank Jesus for the mercy you have received.

### I. Jesus mercifully saves without distinction.

A. Jesus saves *mercifully*.

1. Ten Lepers — men who were without hope and were social outcasts.
2. The ten lepers acknowledged that it was the mercy of Jesus upon which they were dependent. They knew that they could not demand of Jesus His favor or kindness.

B. Jesus saves *without distinction*.

1. Luke makes a point to draw the reader's attention to the ethnicity of the one who returned to give thanks to Jesus: *he was a Samaritan*.
  - a) Samaritans were despised by Jewish people for many reasons, one of them being their practice of worship (e.g., consider Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4).
  - b) How could Jesus show mercy to a Samaritan? The answer is: God is gracious to the helpless and sinners. "And such were some of you" (1 Cor. 6:11)
2. Jesus does not save based on one's actions, ethnicity, etc. The basis of Jesus' mercy is His sovereign freedom—he will have mercy on those He will have mercy. (cf. Rom. 9:15)

### II. Jesus rightfully deserves our extravagant praise and thanks.

A. Jesus deserves supreme exalted status.

1. The one leper returned to Jesus when he saw that he had been healed. His desire was to exalt God ("glorify God").
2. He fell at the feet of Jesus, bestowing on Him the honor due His name.

B. Jesus deserves unashamed, thankful praise.

1. Jesus acknowledged the expression of genuine faith by the now cleansed leper.
2. Those who have been delivered by the mercy of Christ will "with a loud voice" thank and praise Him!