"Are you One of the Nine?"

(Luke 17:11 - 19)

Text Verse:

"And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?"

(Luke 17:17)

The Lord Jesus Christ healed several lepers during His ministry on the earth.

"Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached."

(Luke 7:22)

Only two of these miracles are recorded in detail in the Holy Scriptures. The purpose of the Lord's earthly ministry was not to HEAL but to REVEAL!

Our message is based upon the Lord's question in verse 17, "where are the nine?"

Let us first examine the background and details of this great miracle.

I. The PEOPLE for the Miracle
A. The Sickness of the People
1. Corrupted Blood
2. Crippled Body

*Leprosy is used in the Bible as a type of sin. Sin starts out as a small spot that grows and grows until it covers the whole person and then condemns the person to death. Physicians in Bible times were helpless to stop the progression of leprosy in a person. It was universally believed that only God could heal leprosy. Thus, in healing a person of leprosy, Christ gave great evidence of His Deity!

B. The Society of the People

*Nine Jews and one Samaritan

(Romans 3:22 - 23)

C. The Separation of the People

"which stood afar off"

(Luke 17:12)

"All the days wherein the plague shall be in him he shall be defiled; he is unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall his habitation be."

(Leviticus 13:46)

"But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear."

(Isaiah 59:2)

II. The PLEA for the Miracle

A. The Passion in the Plea
"lifted up their voices"
(Luke 17:13)

B. The Person in the Plea
"Jesus, Master"
(Luke 17:13)

C. The Pity in the Plea
"have mercy on us"
(Luke 17:13)

*The lepers were wise in not appealing for merit or money. Their real need was for MERCY. Every sinner who finds favor with God finds it on the basis of His mercy!

"I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant..."
(Genesis 32:10)

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us"
(Ephesians 2:4)

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"
(Titus 3:5)

III. The PRECEPT for the Miracle

A. The Compassion
"when he saw them"
B. The Command
"Go shew yourselves unto the priests"

1. A Scriptural Command

(Leviticus 14)
*Before Calvary
*Under the Law

2. A Shining Command

(A witness to the Priests)

C. The Cleansing
"they were cleansed"

1. Cleansed the Rottenness
2. Canceled the Restrictions

IV. The PRAISE for the Miracle

A. The Promptness of the Praise
"when he saw...he was healed"

B. The Person of the Praise
"he was a Samaritan"
(Luke 17:16)

C. The **Product** of the Praise

"**hath made thee whole**"

(Luke 17:19)

*Jesus is still calling, "**where are the nine?**"

*The nine ungrateful lepers have filled the pews of most modern Church buildings!

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