

Were Not All Ten Cleansed? Where Are The Other 9?

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Luke 17:11-19

Now on His way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As He was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met Him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” ¹⁴ When He saw them, He said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked Him—and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?” ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then He said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.

“True thankfulness also manifests itself in intensity” -Charles Spurgeon

“I would rather be nobody at Christ’s feet than everybody anywhere else! There is no place so honourable as down at the feet of Jesus. Ah, to lie there always, and just love Him wholly, and let self die out! Oh, to have Christ standing over you as the one figure overshadowing your life henceforth and for ever! True thankfulness lies low before the Lord.” -Charles Spurgeon

In the areas of my life where I just want His hand & mercy but it doesn’t lead me back to offer worship - we should ask ourselves if I’m I using God - to build my life & Kingdom Spurgeon called these people: “men who live *upon* God, but never live *to* God”

We should seek His hand but that should let us to His feet; and it is there we receive a deeper healing!

¹⁰ as they went, they were “cleansed” *katharizō* but only one’s faith made them “well” *sōzō* : salvation, to be saved)

James 1:17-18 (NLT)

Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. ¹⁸ He chose to give birth to us by giving us His true word. And we, out of all creation, became His prized possession.

What shall I say of what we call God’s common mercies— only common because He is so liberal with them, for each of them is inestimably valuable? Life, health, eyesight, hearing, domestic love, the continuance of friends— I cannot attempt a catalogue of benefits that we receive every day; and yet is there one man in nine that praises God for these?” -Charles Spurgeon

Having a mindset of independence/entitlement doesn’t not lead me to His feet

Luke 7:36-50

When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, He went to the Pharisee’s house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee’s house, so she came there with an

alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind Him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. ³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. ⁴¹ "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. ⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little." ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

We find Healing and wholeness at the feel of Jesus, and what brings us there is a humble faith

- That sees who Jesus is and who I am accurately
- See's God's mercy and grace that he has given to me
- Then has a thankful heart that draws them back to Christ to give worship at His feet

Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.