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## THE TEN LEPERS

## Luke 17:11-19

As Diogenes sought an honest man: Jesus man of faith. Story, another case of faith in strange places. Faith and gratitude are inseparably linked together. Ten were healed. Christ's question: Where are the nine

- I. ALL THE LEPERS HAD SOME THINGS IN COMMON.
  - 1. All were suffering. Companions meant little. V. 12. 2. Future had been destroyed. No plans now. Slow death 3. Incurable. Suffering to come. No cure then or now.
  - 4. All heard of Christ and believed to an extent. V 13
  - 5. One believer of ten returned to thank him. Why?
- II. NINE FAILED THEN AS NINE OUT OF TEN FAIL NOW.
  - 1. Human nature has not changed. M. 24:37. Ecc.1:10-11
  - 2. Those of ingrate nature then would be ingrate now.
  - 3. Some possible reasons nine failed to return. a. Second had land deal on. Must complete. Lk.14:18
    - (1) Had given up hopes of ever possessing it.
      (2) Forgot: Heb. 11:10. Look for new land.
    - b. Third had company at home. Must entertain them. (1) Was despensible till healed by the Lord.
    - (2) Forgot: Matt. 10:32-33. Honor Christ first.
       c. Fourth had a fretting wife. Must comfort. Llh:20
      - (1) She had waited this long-a minute more.
      - (2) Forgot: Luke 14:26. Love wife less.
    - d. Fifth had unfinished house. Anxious to complete.
       (1) Had lost all hopes till Jesus helped him.
       (2) Forgot: Matt. 7:26. House on the sand.
    - e. Sixth still had time to make a crop. But hurry.
      (1) No crop possible without help of Christ.
      (2) Forgot: Matt. 6:26. Better than birds.
    - f. Seventh feared weather; might catch cold etc.
      (1) Time to beg mercy. None to say "thank you".
      (2) Forgot: Matt 16:24. Weather a cross at time;
      g. Eighth bought cattle before isolation. Lk.14:19.
    - (1) Inspection impossible till Christ passed by.
      (2) Forgot: Matt. 6:19-20. Seek eternal prize.
      h. Ninth balked at the first. Hypocrite. Samaritan
      (1) Social rank elevated with healing.

(2) Forgot: Matt. 22:37. Owed debt regardless.

INV: All owe a debt cannot pay. Blood for sins. Jesus can. Owe Him obedience, praise and adoration. B-R-C-B. Erring: Forgotten duty lately. Return. R-P.

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