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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. Lk.14:26
 - (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 times
 - 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.