

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Is it unusual for God to heal the body of those that have not been cleansed of their sin?
2. Does God ever heal the sickness of sin in those that do not respond to Him?
3. Why does God require a response from man as a condition of salvation?
4. Is it really difficult to be thankful?
5. How can we show our thankfulness?

### SUMMARY:

The lepers were all in the same predicament: suffering from the leprosy and being social outcasts. Sinners, too, are all in the same predicament: suffering from the condemnation resulting from living in sin and the thought of facing eternity without God. Jesus, hearing the cry of the ten, had mercy upon them and healed them.

Only one was moved enough by love and gratitude toward Jesus to return and thank Him. Jesus pronounced him completely whole. We see the nine responding only as required to obtain physical relief. They felt no spiritual need. Only one desired further help from Jesus, and his spirit responded also in the form of deep gratitude and faith to God. Jesus, after having healed his body, could also heal the spiritual disease. Jesus was teaching that though God may heal the body to cause men to respond in faith and gratitude toward Him, the forgiveness of sin comes only after a response of need, repentance and faith on the part of man.

### NOTES:

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**[SoF:4]** We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life. He died on the cross for us. His shed blood is the atonement for our sins. **[SoF:13]** We believe that God now commands all men to repent and be baptized and that immersion is the scriptural mode of water baptism. We believe baptism should be administered to those alone who have believed on Christ, have been converted by Him, have died to sin, and have experienced a spiritual rebirth.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #7

February 18, 2018

First Quarter

### SHOWING OUR GRATITUDE

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Luke 17:11-19*

**LESSON SETTING:** In the vicinity of Samaria and Galilee.

**TIME:** Approximately 33 A.D.

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- I. THE NEED OF THE TEN.** Luke 17:11-13
  - A. Physical Need (vs. 12) John 5:7; Mark 9:17-18
  - B. Mercy Sought (vs. 13) Psalm 86:3; Luke 18:13
- II. THE HEALING OF ALL.** Luke 17:14
  - A. Response Demanded (vs. 14) **[SoF:13]** Luke 5:4; John 9:7
  - B. Jesus Heals (vs. 14) **[SoF:4]** Matthew 15:30; John 5:9
  - C. Faith Honored (vs. 14) Luke 7:6-10; Acts 14:9-10
- III. THE GRATITUDE OF ONE.** Luke 17:15-19
  - A. Glorified God (vs. 15) 1 Chronicles 29:11; Acts 4:21
  - B. Thankfulness (vs. 16) 1 Thessalonians 5:18; 1 Timothy 1:12
  - C. Faith (vs. 19) Matthew 8:2; Mark 5:25-29
  - D. Spiritual Healing Only To Those That Respond (vs. 17) Jeremiah 3:22; Acts 2:38; 3:19

**GOLDEN TEXT: BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL, AND FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS.**  
Psalm 103:2

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Luke 17:20-37

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Matthew 25:1-13;  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Christ, the Son of Man

**TOPIC:** SIGNS OF CHRIST'S RETURN

**INTRODUCTION:**

How timely this lesson in Luke 17 is today. How it paints the picture perfectly of what life is all about at the present time, in verses 27 and 28. The world is so very concerned about the material things, the things that will perish. Their pleasures, wealth, lusts are foremost in people's minds and hearts. They plan for these worldly things, regardless whether it is at the expense of another or not. Christ warned us that at such a time, He will return to claim His own. When He appears it will be too late to make amends. It will be done so quickly, in the twinkling of an eye, that we can't turn back for anything. If we try to do so, we will be lost.

“Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.”

We are to lose our earthly life, our fleshly desires, our ambitions and pleasures of this world, if we wish to inherit the eternal life. It is high time that we surrender self and prepare for His coming. It may be today!

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Only those who have prepared themselves will be ready when Jesus returns.

***GOLDEN TEXT: THEREFORE BE YE ALSO READY: FOR IN SUCH AN HOUR AS YE THINK NOT THE SON OF MAN COMETH.***

Matthew 24:44

In all His sermons, lessons and parables, Jesus warns us to be prepared for His return. He has not told the day of His appearing, but has given many signs by which we can see that He could come at anytime. How can we be certain that we will be ready when He comes?

First we must avail ourselves of His plan of salvation, which is to repent, believe in the forgiving power of His blood, die to our old life and self, and rise to a new life in Him. Then if we continue to live each day as if it might be “His Day” we, by the grace of God, will be ready when He comes.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF February 19 – 25**

- M. Regrets at Christ's Return. Matthew 25:1-13
- T. \*Suddenness of Christ's Return. Luke 17:20-25
- W. \*Signs of Christ's Return. Luke 17:26-32
- T. \*Separations at Christ's Return. Luke 17:33-37
- F. Promise of Christ's Return. Acts 1:1-11
- S. Rewards at Christ's Return. 1 Corinthians 3:9-15
- S. Hope of Christ's Return. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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