

## Where Are The Nine ?

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Luke 17:11-19

Intro. <sup>known</sup> A. It was from the beginning that Jesus was going to Jerusalem.

1. He was born in Bethlehem, not Jerusalem.
2. He went to Jerusalem many times to worship.
3. He also knew that His life would end there.

Luke 19:31-33

B. Following His encounter with the chief Pharisees, He started toward Jerusalem.

Vs. 11 1. He passed through Samaria and Galilee.

Vs. 12a 2. He entered a certain village.

Vs. 12b 3. In this village He met 10 lepers.

Vs. 12c 4. They stood afar off. Lev. 13:45-46.

5. What is leprosy?

C. They cried out to Jesus for mercy.

Vs. 13 1. "... they lifted up their voices..."

2. "... Master, have mercy on us".

"Mercy" = ελεέω = "to have the desire of relieving the miserable"  
"to have pity upon any one by actually relieving them"; "ελεέω is not to forgive, though forgiveness may be part of the succour which is bestowed"

3. "Master" = ἐπιστάτης = "one set over, as the head of a company of men"; "Master, as implying authority."

4. At this time, none are thinking of being saved. They are in great distress!

D. Jesus advised them according to the Law of Moses.

Vs. 14 1. "Go shew yourselves unto the priests"

2. Lev. 14:1- A very elaborate activity.

## I. The Response of The Ten Lepers.

A. "As they went, they were cleansed".

1. They had faith in His power to help them.

### III. Some Practical Lessons For Us.



A. Religion is not a sufficient guide.

1. These nine had religion.
2. It was perverted by layers of tradition.

B. God cannot be taken for granted.

1. He had done what He existed to do.
2. His being is for our good.

C. God is the God of Crises only, <sup>a</sup>mistake

1. They cried out when in pain.
2. When the pain goes, they go.

D. The nine are more trouble than they are worth.

1. They are gone, whose knows where.
2. They are fruitless.
3. They are high maintenance.
4. They know of God but they are unthankful to God.
5. They accept God's good gifts but they will not glorify Him.