

HEALING OF TEN LEPERS
Ancient Society of Thankless Nine
True Thankfulness

Intro. vs 11,12a. X on way from Galilee to Jerus. Went thru Perea instead of Samaria. Dia meson doesn't mean thru midst but between borders of Samaria and Galilee. in order to cross Jordan into Perea. On Galilee side of the frontier of Samaria He met this mixed company of lepers. On Gal side bec easier to account for one Sam leper in Gal than 9 Jewish in Sam.

I. The CAUSE of true Thanksgiving, 12-14.

Bec a corrupt condition is cured.

A. The Condition. 10 lepers. Maybe they collected when heard X in neighborhood. Such a large group unusual near town. Stood afar off, Lev 13:45f. Numb 5:2. Had to live outside villages to avoid contact with society. But their mutual misery overcame all ~~xxx~~national and religious antipathy. Unclean, Lev 13:46. Rabbis prescribed 4 paces but these farther bec of large crowd with X. Condition desperate bec cried, "Mercy us" vb is transitive. Evidently the disease hadn't spread to their throats. Shows that only X could free them. All other means had failed.

B. The Cure. X healed 10 lepers with less than 10 words. Their faith was to be evinced in their obedience to go to the priests. X evidently went on. It was as they went that they were healed. Imagine their consternation as they stood there and debated what to do. Would have had to go to Jerus to temple, If they knew of the other lepers X had healed, Lk 5:12, then would be even more doubtful. Priests may include idea that Samaritan should go to Samaritan priest. Jewish priests accepted findings of Sam in regard to leprosy Lenski 876. The command involved a promise. Only 1 way to find out if true-- go. Cf trying to put Xnty into a test tube. Cause of real thanksgiving is bec of spiritual realities, not temporal.

II. The CHARACTER of true Thanksgiving, 15-18.

It is an action based on an attitude.

A. The Attitude. As went got healed and the Sam argued that they ought to go back and thank X before continuing on to priests. Not disobedience but detour on way to Jerus. What would I have done standing alone against 9. "But all other Xn schools do it this way". Majorities impress us too much. Decisions must be based on the right, not the most. And this man was a Samaritan, not even a born fundamentalist who went to Wheaton. They were mixed people, Israelites who had been almost overwhelmed by heathen colonists planted among them by the Assyrians. Eventually the Jewish elements predominated over the heathen. All owed thanksgiving, but only the heart of one responded properly.

B. The Action. Prostrated self before X. Perfectly proper. Real gratitude will cause one to do this, Rom 12:1-2. Gave glory to God. This is the essence of real thanksgiving as well as the result.

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III. The CONSEQUENCES of True Thanksgiving, 19.

- A. It was pleasing to X. Tell by X pathetic question in ~~18~~ 17-18. How little we thank Him for what He has done. Don't you think the Lord is pleased to hear a Thank you once in a while? Heb 13:15f. Cf how much we appreciate being thanked.
- B. It procured added blessing for the man. Faith made thee whole. Perhaps refers to spiritual salvation and perhaps X is just saying "See what your faith has done--keep it up and see what it will yet do for thee." Lit Thy faith has saved thee and its perfect tense which seems to indicate permanent spiritual sal.