

# *BRIGHT STAR*

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**Luke 17:11-19 Christian Standard Bible**

**<sup>11</sup> While traveling to Jerusalem, he passed between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with leprosy met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and raised their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he told them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And while they were going, they were cleansed.**

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**15** But one of them, seeing that he was healed, returned and, with a loud voice, gave glory to God. **16** He fell facedown at his feet, thanking him. And he was a Samaritan.

**17** Then Jesus said, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? **18** Didn’t any return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” **19** And he told him, “Get up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.”

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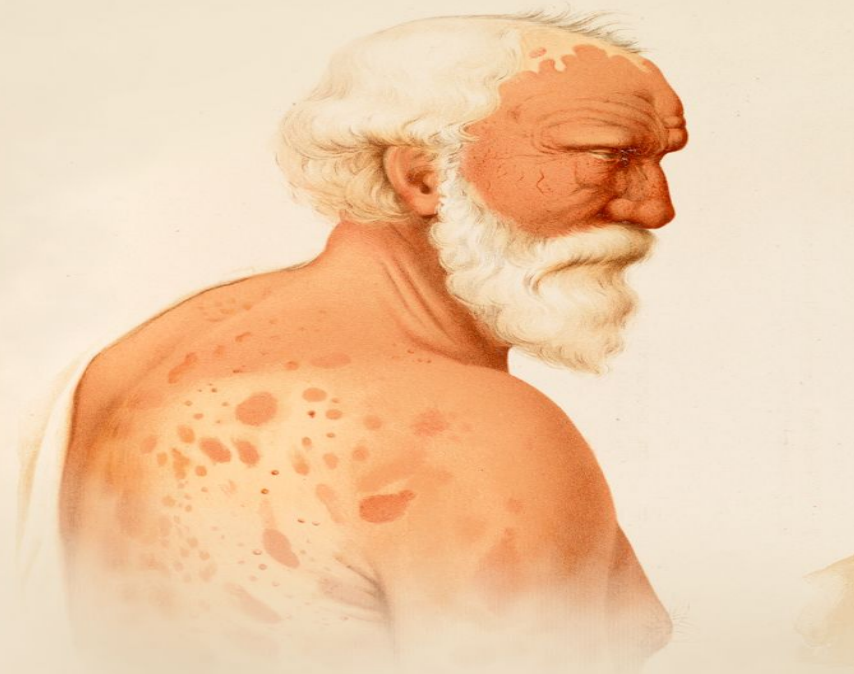
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## LEPROSY

Leprosy, also called Hansen's disease (HD), is a long-term infection caused by the bacteria *Mycobacterium leprae* or *Mycobacterium lepromatosis*. It affects the skin, mucous membranes, and nerves, causing discoloration and lumps on the skin.



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**These ten lepers did not get close to Jesus. We understand why.**

**The nature of their disease and their law prevented it.**

**They stood far off as was customary.**

**This is interesting: they did not ask for healing. They simply said, "Have mercy upon us."**

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Finally, finally after what seemed to be an eternity for these desperate men, Jesus spoke: "Go, show yourselves to the priests."



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**Old Proverb, "The longest journey begins with the first step."**

**God's power is not released until you step out in faith.**

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**Vance Havner said,  
Faith will not always get for  
us what we want, but it will  
get what God wants us to  
have.**

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**Only one of the ten who were touched by the love of this man of Galilee had seen beyond the miracle of healing to the one who had dared to risk for him. He saw Jesus for who he was? One who cared, one who loved, one who wanted a relationship with everyone on the face of the earth.**

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**"Were not ten cleansed?  
Where are the nine?" Only one  
in ten came back to give  
thanks. Only one in ten. Why,  
Jesus is asking, why only one  
in ten?**

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**There is a tremendous difference between simply feeling gratitude and expressing gratitude.**

**With God, don't just feel thankful: Give thanks!**

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Perhaps one reason they  
walked in the valley of  
ingratitude was they suffered  
from a lack of sensitivity and  
imagination.

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**Maybe another reason that only one of ten returned to the healer, is the fact the other nine lacked humility.**

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In I Timothy 6:6 it says,  
"There is great gain in  
godliness with contentment."



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**We are all blessed by God in different ways, at different times with different blessings. Jesus is asking us to see beyond the gifts, beyond our own need of those things, to the giver.**

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There is an old story about two grasshoppers who fell into a bowl of cream. One of them complained and groaned over his plight, and he sank to the bottom and drowned. The other kept singing and cheerfully kicked his feet until the cream turned to butter and he hopped away to freedom.

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Life can be that way. A  
Swedish proverb says:

"Those who wish to sing can  
always find a song."

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**We must learn  
how to Praise Our  
Way Through!**

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