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Where Are The Other Nine

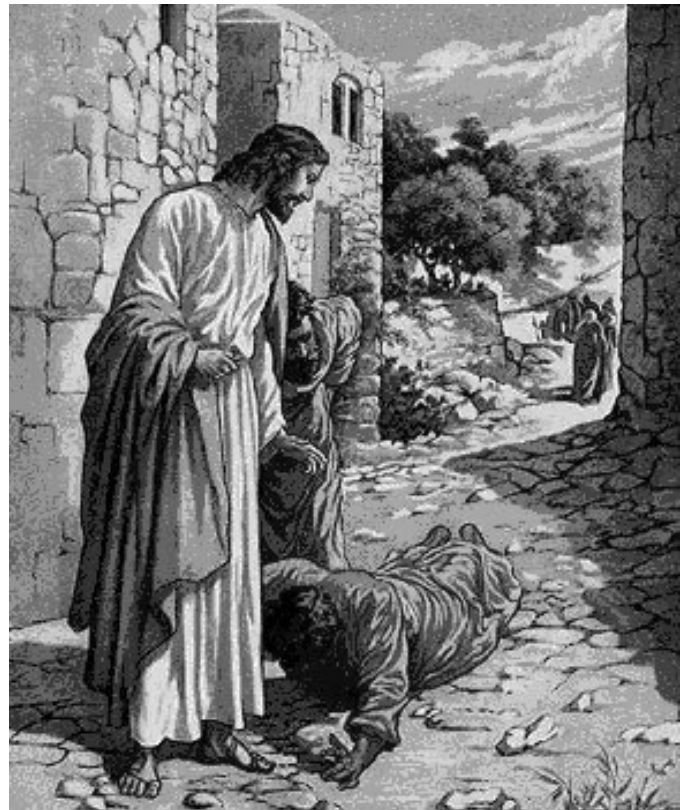
By Vince Dorazio

One of the unanswered questions Jesus asked after the ten lepers begged him to have pity on them was, ***"Were not all ten made whole? Where are the other nine? Was there no one to return and give thanks to God except this foreigner?"*** (Luke 17:17-18) Before we can attempt to discuss these questions, we first have to look at the disease of leprosy and how it affected the people of Jesus' day.

LEPROSY

Leprosy is a chronic bacterial skin disease that usually affects the face and extremities of the body. It was once believed to be highly contagious. Those who had leprosy had lesions (scales) on their body that turned white like snow. They would first appear as boils (lumps and bumps) and festering sores. These people were quarantined most often to a leper colony and were ostracized from being in contact with any other person. They had no contact with their families, neighbors or anyone else. The only people they were associated with were those who were also infected with leprosy.

According to Hebrew custom, a person that was stricken with leprosy was the result of their disobedience to God or of their sinful life. When Moses' brother and sister were jealous of Moses, God caused Miriam to be stricken with a leprous skin condition for seven days. (See Num. 12:1-15) The lepers were then quarantined and lived in a leper colony outside the city and kept away from all other people. If anyone came near them



they were to shout out **"UNCLEAN, UNCLEAN"** as a warning for other people nearby that they had leprosy and were considered unclean. (Lev. 13:45-46) The leper usually covered their face as the leprosy disfigured their face. They also wore ragged clothes as to be easily recognized by other people as having leprosy. If the person was healed of their disease they would show themselves to the chief priest who would declare them clean. The person would then make an offering to the Temple and be able to return to their home, family and friends in the city.

So when Jesus was approached by ten lepers they asked Him to have pity on them, asking Him to heal them of their leprosy. *"And when he saw them, he said, 'Go show yourselves to the priests.'* As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, **'Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?'**" (Luke 17:14-18)

Whatever happened to the other nine is anyone's guess. Maybe they were so overjoyed about seeing that their skin became smooth and were cleansed of their sores that they ran back to their homes and families to celebrate their healing. Maybe some did just what Jesus told them to do; to go show themselves to the priests and then make the traditional offering at the Temple. And then, maybe some did nothing. But what seemed to be important to Jesus was that only one person came back to Him to give thanks to God. **Where are the other nine?**

PEAYER MEETING HEALINGS

So often we go to weekly prayer meetings asking for healings for ourselves and for other people we know. We also have "Healing Services" and "Healing Masses" asking God to heal us of our daily problems and illnesses. But how often do those who are prayed with return to the prayer meeting the following weeks to give thanks and praise for God's healing hand of the Holy Spirit? **Where are the other nine?**

It is interesting to note that Jesus did not heal all ten lepers immediately. The Scriptures says that **'As they were going, they were cleansed'**. It indicates that their healings were done independently and at different times. They were healed and made clean one by one. And one who recognized what was happening decided to go back to Jesus and offer his thanks. How many times have you been asked by friends who know

you attend weekly prayer meetings, *"When you go to your prayer meeting have them pray for me"* whether it be for an illness, job or personal relationships. Yet they hardly ever attend themselves or even come to thank and give praise for their healing or answered prayer. We sometimes never hear from them again unless they are in need of more prayer. Sometimes this even comes from those who were once involved in the Charismatic Renewal. If nothing else, it is just common courtesy that when someone does something for you, you return to thank them. Returning to the weekly prayer meeting to give praise to the Lord is like sending a 'thank you' note to God.

Years ago a young woman came to our prayer meeting with a photo of her husband who was dying with cancer. He was a Captain in the US Army in the Veteran's Hospital at Ft. Snelling in Minneapolis. We laid hands on his photo and prayed for his healing. Fritz (her husband) got better and his cancer went into remission. For the next year or so Fritz came to the prayer meetings every week. He also began praying for other veterans in the hospital. He began sharing the healing power of the Holy Spirit with other veterans, as he went from ward to ward. I was with him the day he died and he told me that he was thankful that God had given him this extra year to live. Even in his last hour he was giving thanks and praise to God! Fritz was the one who came back to give thanks and praise for his healing!

FILLING STATION

Could it be that the only reason some people come to a prayer meeting is to receive prayers of healing; to ask God to take care of their needs? Years ago someone told me that the prayer meetings are like a "filling station". People come to get "filled" with prayers for their needs or to be filled with the Holy Spirit, instead of coming to "give" praise to God! The prayer meeting should really be called a **"Praise Meeting"**! It is a time to come together to praise and give thanks to God through the Holy Spirit for all that He does in our lives. **Where are the other nine?**

Where do you stand? Have you been one of the ten who was healed of an illness? Are you one of the other nine, or are you the one who returns to give thanks and praise to Jesus? Maybe it is time to tell all those who you have been praying for to come to a prayer meeting and give thanks and praise to Jesus for their answered prayers. **Where are the other nine?**

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