

# The One or the Nine

## Luke 17:11-19

Introduction: Imagine your life as you know it being stripped from you.

### I. When Jesus Is Met By 10 Lepers

- A. They recognized Jesus instantly and knew of His power.
- B. The request: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."

### II. Jesus Sends Them to the Priest (v. 14)

- A. Notice, He doesn't heal them there in His presence.
  - 1. No one is present for the healing.
  - 2. They kept their distance as did Jesus. (v. 12, 14)
- B. What was significant about Jesus sending them to the priest?
- C. The law of the Leper (Lev. 13:45, 46; Num. 5:2, 3; Lev. 14:4-7)
- D. Sending them to the priest was Jesus' way of saying, "Consider it done."

### III. Are You Like the One or the Nine?

- A. One of the lepers doesn't seem to make it all the way to the priest. (v. 15, 16)
  - 1. Didn't he care about keeping the law?
  - 2. Jesus' big concern: "Where are the nine?" (v. 17)
  - 3. They were keeping the law and in a hurry to get back to *their* lives.
  - 4. Falling at the feet of Jesus in gratitude moves us beyond self-centered living to seeing God as bigger, great, and more of a focus in our lives.
  - 5. It's likely how Ephesus left their first love. (Rev. 2:1-5)
- B. We can learn from these spiritual underdogs in our attitude of God. (v. 18)
- C. By not returning and falling at Jesus' feet, the 9 missed the faith lesson: "Your faith has made you well." (v. 19)
  - 1. All they knew is they were healed because they asked.
  - 2. The one learned that just because God has the power to do something doesn't mean he'll do it, but responds to our confidence in Him.

Conclusion: Falling at the feet of Jesus in gratitude removes us from self-centered living and brings us to a bigger view of God, placing him at the heart of our lives.