

Thankfulness

Luke 17:11-19 ESV

11 On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. 12 And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance 13 and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." 14 When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; 16 and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? 18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19 And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

<https://bible.com/bible/59/luk.17.11-19.ESV>

Psalms 107:8 ESV

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

<https://bible.com/bible/59/psa.107.8.ESV>

The nature of leprosy compared to nature of sin. The leper is compared to the sinner.

1. Leprosy was contagious.

Sin like leprosy has a way of being contagious.

1 Corinthians 15:33 ESV

Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals."

<https://bible.com/bible/59/1co.15.33.ESV>

2. It often lies hidden for years before it shows.

We can hide our sin for a long time, but it eventually starts to show itself in our life.

Luke 6:45 NIV

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/luk.6.45.NIV>

3. The leper was cursed and pronounced unclean by the law.

The law condemns us and pronounces us unclean.

Romans 3:19-20 ESV

19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/rom.3.19-20.ESV>

4. Begins small but ends with destruction.

Sin is the same way- It brings on a gradual destruction.

James 1:14-15 ESV

14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.
<https://bible.com/bible/59/jas.1.14-15.ESV>

5. In the last stages the leper becomes insensible to pain.

Sin does the same to us. If we continue to let it infect us we become desensitized.

1 Timothy 4:2 NIV

Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.
<https://bible.com/bible/111/1ti.4.2.NIV>

6. No cure known in those days. When someone had leprosy, they were considered dead.

This is what sin did to us. We were walking dead people.

Ephesians 2:1 ESV

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins
<https://bible.com/bible/59/eph.2.1.ESV>

1 Timothy 5:6 ESV

but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives.
<https://bible.com/bible/59/1ti.5.6.ESV>

7. The cure had to come from God as there was no earthly remedy.

2 Kings 5:7 ESV

And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."
<https://bible.com/bible/59/2ki.5.7.ESV>

Hebrews 10:22 ESV

let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.
<https://bible.com/bible/59/heb.10.22.ESV>

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