

Morning Sermon July 20, 2014
"Loud Salvation" Luke 17:11-19

This passage marks a third stage of Jesus' journey toward Jerusalem, and the CROSS, where all healing power is procured:

Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, (Luke 9:51 NKJ)

And He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. (Luke 13:22 NKJ)

Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. (Luke 17:11 NKJ)

⁵ But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, He *was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5 NKJ)

I. Needs plead, raised voices –

¹¹ Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. ¹² Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. ¹³ And they lifted up *their* voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" (Luke 17:11-13 NKJ)

αἶρω airo {ah'-ee-ro}

Meaning: 1) to raise up, elevate, lift up ...

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Important statistic: 10 out of 10 lepers lift their voices when see Jesus within range! Needs make us plead! Yet, not all prayer, even answered PRAYER comes from right regenerate hearts –

⁴ Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: "Who will give us meat to eat?" ⁵ "We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic;

⁶ "but now our whole being *is* dried up; *there is* nothing at all except this manna *before* our eyes!" (Numbers 11:4-6 NKJ)

God's RESPONSE to this complaining –

¹⁸ "Then you shall say to the people, `Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wept in the hearing of the LORD, saying, "Who will give us meat to eat? For *it was* well with us in Egypt." Therefore the LORD will give you meat, and you shall eat. ¹⁹ `You shall eat, not one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days, ²⁰ `but *for* a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you, because you have despised the LORD who is among you, and have wept before Him, saying, "Why did we ever come up out of Egypt?"'" (Numbers 11:18-20 NKJ)

The final result in this situation –

³¹ Now a wind went out from the LORD, and it brought quail from the sea and left *them* fluttering near the camp, about a day's journey on this side and about a day's journey on the other side, all around the camp, and about two cubits above the surface of the ground. ³² And the people stayed up all that day, all night, and all the next day, and gathered the quail (he who gathered least gathered ten homers); and they spread *them* out for themselves all around the camp. ³³ But while the meat *was* still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was aroused against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very great plague. ³⁴ So he called the name of that place Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had yielded to craving. (Numbers 11:31-34 NKJ)

II. Ten out of Ten, have their needs met by God, beyond what they deserve –

¹⁴ So when He saw *them*, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. (Luke 17:14 NKJ)

1. *The lepers seem to understand this –*
"Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

2. *Leprosy was a dread disease, not only was it a terrible physical disease, but socially it made a person an outcast. The leper if approached by another person was required to cry a warning –*
⁴⁵ "Now the leper on whom the sore *is*, his clothes shall be torn and his head bare; and he shall cover his mustache, and cry, `Unclean! Unclean!' (Leviticus 13:45 NKJ)

3. Yet, as dread as leprosy was or is, it was a mercy itself compared to Hell's fire –

⁴⁸ "where `Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.' (Mark 9:48 NKJ)

We should see the pains and struggles we go through in this life as God's getting our attention, not one leper argued with Jesus like the Pharisees did, why?

(1) They knew their needs!

(2) They believed in His power!

III. Yet, only one of Ten is obviously and loudly SAVED –

¹⁵ And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, ¹⁶ and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? ¹⁸ "Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?"

¹⁹ And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well." (Luke 17:15-19 NKJ)

What true and obvious salvation does:

1. It brings us back to Jesus, one leper "returned"

2. It glorifies God with a loud voice –

A. Presbyterians have the glorified God part down, we know we are saved for a purpose –

WSC 1 What is the chief end of man? A. Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever. (WSC 1:1 WCS)

B. Where we miss the mark is the loud voice part –

μέγας megas {meg'-as}

Meaning: 1) great 1a) of the external form or sensible appearance of things (or of persons) 1a1) in particular, of space and its dimensions, as respects 1a1a) mass and weight: great 1a1b) compass and extent: large, spacious 1a1c) measure and height: long 1a1d) stature and age: great, old 1b) of number and quantity: numerous, large, abundant ... as far as the voice is concerned LOUD!

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A Mega-phone of godly, spiritual emotion ... It is a dreadful thing to be the frozen chosen ... as I doubt the CHOSEN should be frozen, even worse "lukewarm" –

¹⁵ "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. ¹⁶ "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. (Revelation 3:15-16 NKJ)

Where does spiritual, godly loudness come from? - ⁶³ "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. (John 6:63 NKJ)

3. He praises God with humility, expressed with dramatic body language –

¹⁶ and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks.

4. He is surely SAVED –

¹⁹ And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well." (Luke 17:15-19 NKJ)

The word translated "well" is

σώζω sozo {sode'-zo}

Meaning: 1) to save, keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction 1a) one (from injury or peril) 1a1) to save a suffering one (from perishing), i.e. one suffering from disease, to make well, heal, restore to health 1b1) to preserve one who is in danger of destruction, to save or rescue 1b) to save in the technical biblical sense ...

IV. What about the others? About us?

¹⁷ So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? ¹⁸ "Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?"

1. What is important to notice here is the question mark, "where are the nine?" Where are they now? Heaven? Hell? Does

Jesus tell us? Do you like a BIG ?

2. Were they restored to their purpose? Did they give God glory? Were they loud in their praise and thanksgiving to God or absent and unseen, unheard?

3. Are we loudly grateful to God for His salvation? How can we grow louder in our THANKSGIVING and PRAISE?

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