**THE LORD’S EXPECTATIONS**

**Luke 17:11-19**

[**11**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-17-11/) **And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.**

[**12**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-17-12/)**And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:**

[**13**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-17-13/)**And they lifted up *their* voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.**

[**14**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-17-14/)**And when he saw *them*, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.**

[**15**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-17-15/)**And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,**

[**16**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-17-16/)**And fell down on *his* face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.**

[**17**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-17-17/)**And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where *are* the nine?**

[**18**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-17-18/)**There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.**

[**19**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-17-19/)**And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.**

**INTRO:**

**1. These ten lepers were Helpless, Hopeless, and Homeless.**

**\*\*That reminds me of how I was before I got saved! I didn’t have a help, a hope, nor a heavenly home!**

**2. Jesus did three things for them.**

 **a. He Cared! b. He Comforted! c. He Challenged!**

**\*\*I want to be that kind of Christian and that kind of preacher! One who cares; one who comforts, and one who challenges people.**

**3. Two things healed these ten lepers:**

 **a. The Lord’s Power healed them!**

 **b. The Lord’s Presence healed them!**

**\*\*No one has ever been healed without the Lord’s Presence and without the Lord’s Power!**

**\*\*Physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual healing can happen, but it will only happen if the Lord’s Power and Presence is in the middle of it!**

**4. Looking at this passage, we see two things:**

 **a. The Lepers had Expectations**

 **\*They expected Mercy (V-13)**

 **\*They expected Miracles**

 **b. The Lord had Expectations (V-17)**

**\*\*Most people today expect the Lord to give them Mercy and Miracles, but most do not want to meet the Lord’s expectations.**

**\*\*Some are even expecting to go to heaven without ever meeting the Lord’s expectations, but it doesn’t work like that!**

**\*\*I want to do my part, and I want to meet the Lord’s expectations that He expects of me.**

**\*\*In order to do that, I must know The Lord’s Expectations, and we can see them here in this passage!**

**I. THE LORD EXPECTS US TO BE TRUSTING**

**Luke 17:14 [14](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-17-14/%22%20%5Co%20%22Luke%2017%3A14%20KJV%20verse%20detail)And when he saw *them*, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.**

 **A. We Must Trust the Lord Completely**

[**Proverbs 3:5**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Proverbs-3-5/)**- Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.**

**\*\*If you trust the Lord completely, you will . . .**

 **1. Accept Christ**

**a. He is the Son! b. He is the Savior! c. He is the Stuff!**

**\*\*There is no other God! There is no other Greater!**

 **2. Accept Challenges**

**\*\*If you trust the Lord completely, you will . . .**

 **a. Choose to trust His Steps**

 **b. Choose to trust His Scripture**

 **B. We Must Trust the Lord Consistently**

**Psalms 112:7b says this about a good man: “his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.”**

 **1. When your heart is broken – trust Him!**

 **2. When your home is burdened – trust Him!**

 **3. When your health is bleak – trust Him!**

 **4. When your hope is battered – trust Him!**

 **C. We Must Trust the Lord Cheerfully**

**Romans 15:13  Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.**

**\*\*With Joy you can . . .**

 **1. Smile and trust Him when things are Dark in life.**

 **2. Sing and trust Him when things are Depressing in Life.**

**\*\*The Lord Expects Us to Trust Him! Only trust Him, Only trust Him! Only trust Him now!**

**II. THE LORD EXPECTS US TO BE THINKING**

**Luke 17:15 [15](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-17-15/%22%20%5Co%20%22Luke%2017%3A15%20KJV%20verse%20detail)And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,**

**\*\*One leper out of the ten thought about what Jesus had done for Him!**

**\*\*Why is it that we so often forget what God has done for us and how good He has been to us?**

 **A. The Lord Expects Us to Think about His Goodness!**

**Psalms 100:4-5** [**4**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-100-4/) **Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.** [**5**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-100-5/) **For the LORD** **isgood; his mercy** **iseverlasting; and his truth** **endureth . . .**

**\*\*If we would just think about God’s goodness, we would –**

 **1. Go to Church more often.**

 **2. Go to Calvary more often.**

 **B. The Lord Expects Us to Think about His Greatness!**

**Psalms 145:3 Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness *is* unsearchable.**

**\*\*If we would just think about God’s greatness, we would –**

 **1. Approach Him with more Praise.**

 **2. Approach Him with more Prayers.**

 **C. The Lord Expects Us to Think about His Glory!**

 **1. The glory of the Lord is Magnificent!**

 **2. The glory of the Lord is Majestic!**

**\*\*It’s not hard to have church when we think about the His Glory and Splendor instead of Hellish Gossip and Sin!**

 **D. The Lord Expects Us to Think about His Grace!**

**\*\*His Grace gave us Help, Hope and a Home!**

 **E. The Lord Expects Us to Think about His Guidance!**

**\*\*Where He leads we should Walk, Work, and Worship!**

**\*\*The Lord expects us to Think upon Him!**

**III. THE LORD EXPECTS US TO BE THANKFUL**

**Luke 17:15-16 [15](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-17-15/%22%20%5Co%20%22Luke%2017%3A15%20KJV%20verse%20detail)And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,**

[**16**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-17-16/)**And fell down on *his* face at his feet, giving him thanks:**

**\*\*Way too many people are so unthankful in this day!**

**\*\*We’re unthankful for our Country, our Church, our Community, and our Christ!**

**\*\*If we are saved and belong to God, then the Lord expects us to be . . .**

 **A. Thankful for His Salvation**

 **1. I’m thankful for the Power of Salvation!**

 **a. It’s real power that Changed me!**

 **b. It’s real power that Cleansed me!**

 **2. I’m thankful for the Peace of Salvation!**

 **a. It’s a Sweet Peace!**

 **b. It’s a Spiritual Peace!**

 **c. It’s a Sinless Peace!**

 **B. Thankful for His Supplies**

 **1. He supplies me with His Care**

 **2. He supplies me with His Comfort**

 **C. Thankful for His Scripture**

**\*\*I’m thankful I’ve got a King James Bible . . .**

 **1. That Speaks to Me!**

 **2. That’s Special to Me!**

 **D. Thankful for His Strength**

 **1. He strengthens me when I’ve got Problems!**

 **2. He strengthens me when I’ve got Pain!**

 **3. He strengthens me when I’ve got Pressures!**

**\*\*The Lord expects us to be Thankful! Are you thankful? If you are you need to show it because most of us hide it well!**

**IV. THE LORD EXPECTS US TO BE TRUE**

**Luke 17:17-18 [17](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-17-17/%22%20%5Co%20%22Luke%2017%3A17%20KJV%20verse%20detail)And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where *are* the nine?** [**18**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-17-18/)**There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.**

**\*\*True means, not false: real; genuine; authentic: sincere; not deceitful: firm in allegiance; loyal; faithful; steadfast:**

**being or reflecting the essential or genuine character of something:**

**\*\*The Lord expects us to be true to Him . . .**

 **A. In Our Standards**

**\*\*Do our standards in the World’s Setting match our standards in the Worship Service?**

**Illustration: There was a man who worked with a man who passed away, and he had only seen him in the work place for the most part . . . never in church. When he went to his friends funeral, he thought he had surely made a mistake and went to the wrong funeral. Why? Because the man they described at the funeral was not the man who knew. The standards did not match up!**

 **1. Be true in your standards concerning your Modesty!**

 **2. Be true in your standards concerning your Music!**

 **3. Be true in your standards concerning your Marriage!**

 **4. Be true in your standards concerning your Manners!**

 **B. In Our Service**

**\*\*Are we true to our service for the Lord?**

 **1. Let’s give our Attendance in our service for the Lord.**

 **2. Let’s give our Attention in our service for the Lord.**

 **3. Let’s give our All in our service for the Lord.**

**a. Make it your practice to give your all in your offices.**

**b. Make it your purpose to give your all in your obligations.**

**\*\*The Lord expects us to be True.**

**CLOSE**

**1. How many of us are more like the nine that did not meet the Lord’s expectations and not like the one who did?**

**2. The one leper who came back and worshipped the Lord and thanked the Lord got something the others never got.**

**Luke 17:19** [**19**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-17-19/)**And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.**

 **3. The tenth one that came back was made whole or made complete. You’ll not be complete until you meet the Lord’s expectations!**

**4. When you meet the Lord’s Expectations, the Lord will give you more than you ever expected!! You too can be made whole if you will just come back to Him and meet His expectations.**

**\*\*If you want what the Lord has for you, come and meet His expectations. You will not get it any other way!**

**Proverbs 28:20 A faithful man shall abound in blessings.**