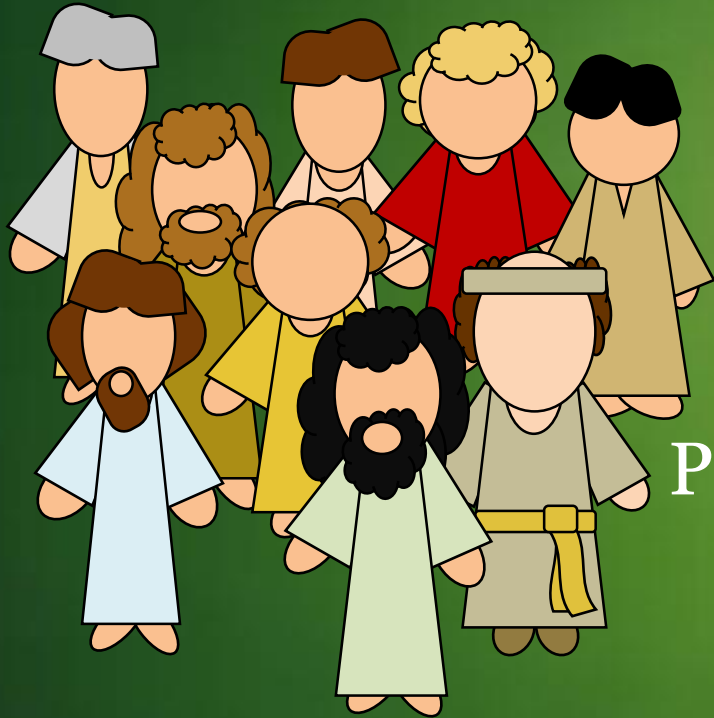


“Thy Faith Hath Made Thee Whole”

Luke 17



Including:
Forgiveness
Parable of the Unprofitable Servant
The 10 Lepers Are Cleansed



Leading Others Astray

The Savior warned that those who lead others astray or persuade them to sin will be held accountable.



The Savior's disciples must watch themselves so they do not cause others to stumble

Forgive—7 Times a Day

Jesus also taught us to forgive others, even if they trespass “seven times in a day” and then repent each time.



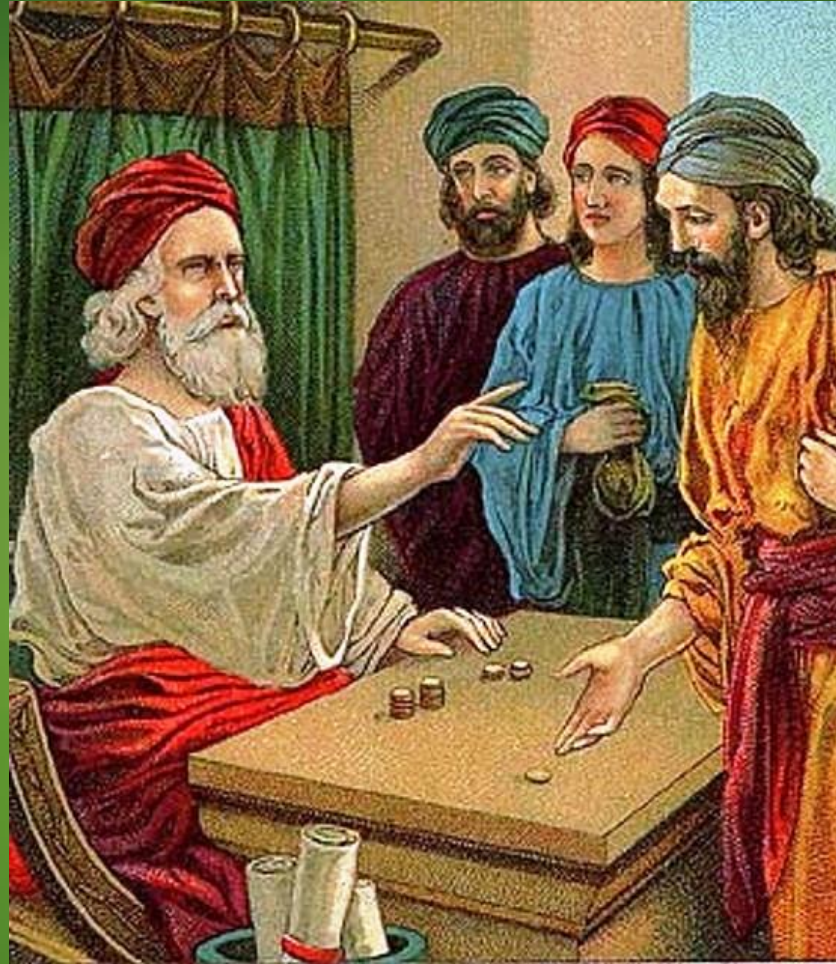
Forgiveness is required of everyone

Wherefore, I say unto you, that ye ought to forgive one another; for he that forgiveth not his brother his trespasses standeth condemned before the Lord; for there remaineth in him the greater sin.

D&C 64:9

Parable of the Unprofitable Servant

The servant should not expect any special reward or adopt a sense of entitlement simply because he had done his duty.



A master provided all the necessities of life to his servant as the servant faithfully fulfilled his expected duties.

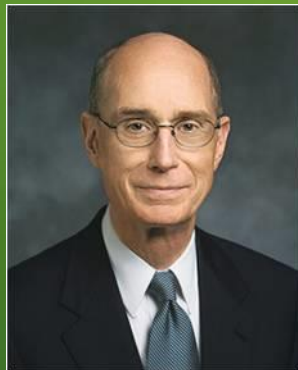
Because of this, there was no need for the master to give special thanks to his servant or to feel indebted to him for performing his duties...

No matter how well a servant performed his duties, he was still in his master's debt for all that he had.

Indebted

We are eternally indebted to our Heavenly Father and can never fully pay Him back or place Him in our debt.

Thus, in answer to the Apostles' request to strengthen their faith, the Savior taught that faith in God involves recognizing our indebtedness to Him and dependence on Him.



"You will not be surprised that the Lord responded by speaking of a seed. The first thing to know about how faith in him increases is to think of its growth like that of a tree. You remember how Alma used that illustration. The seed is the word of God. It must be planted in the heart of the person you serve and whose faith you want to see increase."

"...thy faith hath made thee whole."

Cleansing the 10 Lepers



“And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.”



"And as he entered into a certain village...



"...there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:"



Leprosy

The term “leprosy” (including leper, lepers, leprosy, leprous) occurs:

68 times in the Bible—

55 times in the Old Testament
(Hebrew = *tsara'ath*) and
13 times in the New Testament
(Greek = *lepros, lepra*).



Leviticus 13

Laws of Leprosy: Those who have the appearance of a skin disorder

Brought to a Priest (Aaron)

Pronounce unclean

White, not deep...shut up for 7 days

If not cleared up then shut up for 7 more days



If plague does not spread, the priest pronounces clean

If plague is spread Priest pronounces unclean.

His clothes shall be burned,
He head shall be bare
He puts a covering upon his upper lip,
and cry, "unclean, unclean."

He shall dwell alone; without the camp.



In the Old Testament, the instances of leprosy most likely meant a variety of infectious skin diseases, and even mold and mildew on clothing and walls.



Aaron pleads for Miriam:

Numbers 12:10-12

"...and behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow; and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and behold, she was leprous.



"Let her (Miriam) not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed..."

Leviticus 14:2-57

"This shall be the law of the leper."

God's law for lepers: Get two birds. Kill one. Dip the live bird in the blood of the dead one.

Sprinkle the blood on the leper seven times, and then let the blood-soaked bird fly away.

Next find a lamb and kill it. Wipe some of its blood on the patient's right ear, thumb, and big toe.

Sprinkle seven times with oil and wipe some of the oil on his right ear, thumb and big toe. Repeat.

Finally find another pair of birds. Kill one and dip the live bird in the dead bird's blood.

Wipe some blood on the patient's right ear, thumb, and big toe.

Sprinkle the house with blood 7 times.

That's all there is to it.

The precise meaning of the leprosy in both the Old and New Testaments is still in dispute, but it probably includes the modern Hansen's disease (especially in the New Testament) and infectious skin diseases.

Mycobacterium leprae,
the infectious bacterial
agent of leprosy.



Leprosy is reported as early as 600 BC in India, China, and Egypt.



Leprosy was considered a curse of God, often associated with sin.

Leprosy did not kill, but neither did it seem to end.



Leprosy lingered for years, causing the tissues to degenerate and deform the body.

Many thought leprosy to be a disease of the skin...



It is better classified as a disease of the nervous system, because the bacterium attacks the nerves.

Patients with leprosy experience disfigurement of the skin and bones, twisting of the limbs, and curling of the fingers to form the characteristic claw hand. Facial changes include thickening of the outer ear and collapsing of the nose.





"Leprosy was nothing short of a living death, ...a poisoning of the very springs of life; a dissolution, little by little, of the whole body, so that one limb after another actually decayed and fell away.

The disease was incurable
by the art and skill of
man..."

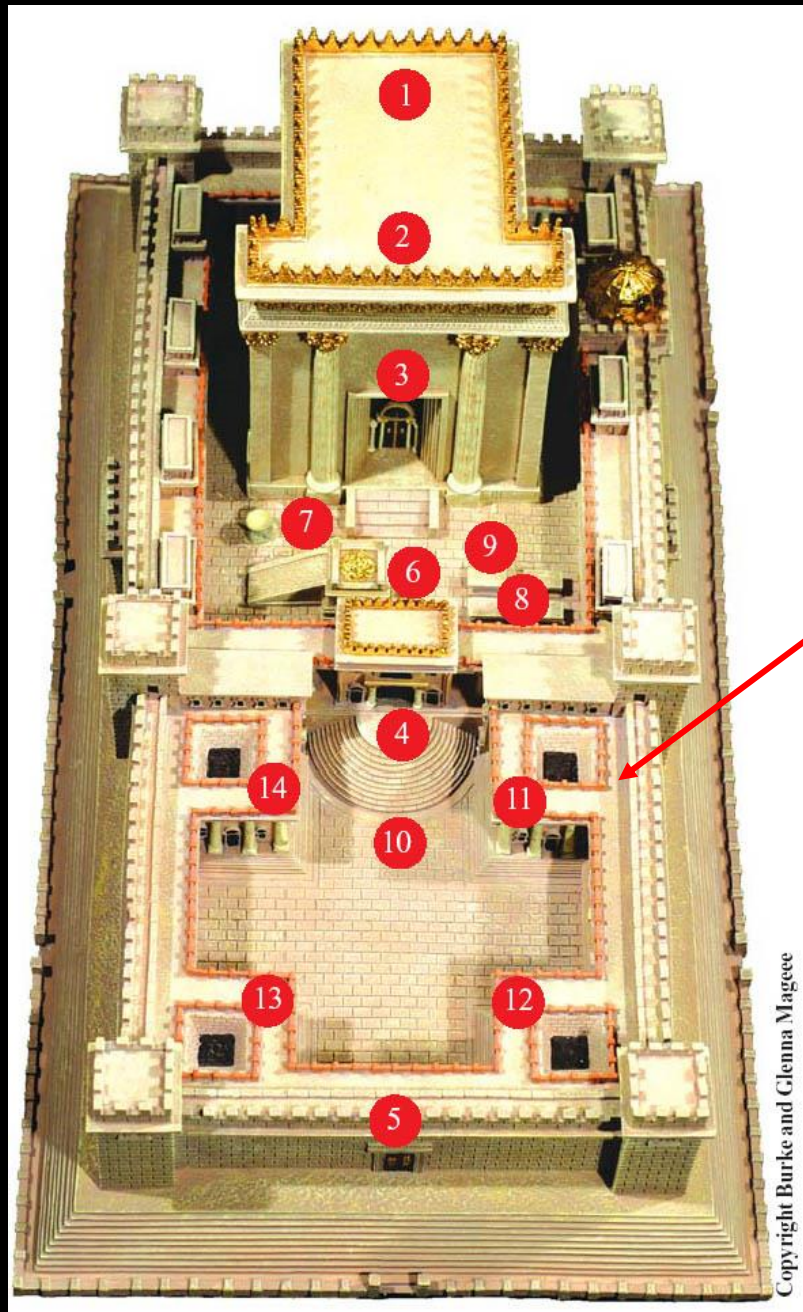




...The leper, thus fearfully bearing about the body the outward and visible token of sin in the soul, was treated throughout as a sinner."



Considered unclean, they were shut out from society.



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11 Chamber of Leper (Metzora)

This chamber served as a gathering place for people with a Biblical skin disease caused by speaking slander. It was only diagnosed by a qualified Priest (Kohain).

Leprosy is related to the tuberculosis bacterium...Leprosy is spread by multiple skin contacts, as well as secretions transmitted from person to person



To touch a person with Leprosy you were considered unclean.

Jesus freely touched people with leprosy. While people with leprosy traditionally suffered banishment from family and neighbors...



...Jesus broke from the tradition. He treated lepers with compassion, touching and healing them.

Like leprosy, sin starts out small but can then spread, leading to other sins and causing great damage to our relationship with God and others.



Inner Leprosy



Although we can't know all the reasons that God allows disease into our lives, biblical leprosy is a powerful symbol reminding us of sin's spread and its horrible consequences.

"And they lifted up their voices, and said..."



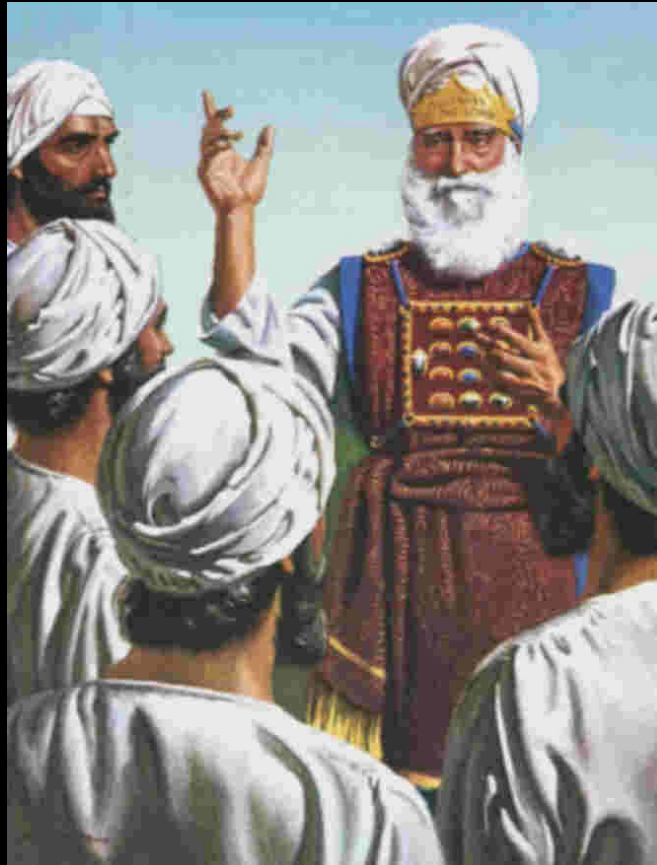
"Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."

"And when he saw them, he said unto them...



...Go shew yourselves unto the priests...

Obedience would be their test of faith



No one who had been leprous could be lawfully restored to the community until pronounced clean by a priest

“...as they went, they were cleansed.”



We receive the Lord's
blessings as we do
what He has instructed
us to do

In hast they went in obedience of the Lord.

"...And one of them, when he saw that he was healed...



...turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God."

"And fell down on his face at his feet,
giving him thanks...

**It is important to
express gratitude
for the blessings
we receive**



...and he was a Samaritan."

"...Were there not ten cleansed?..."

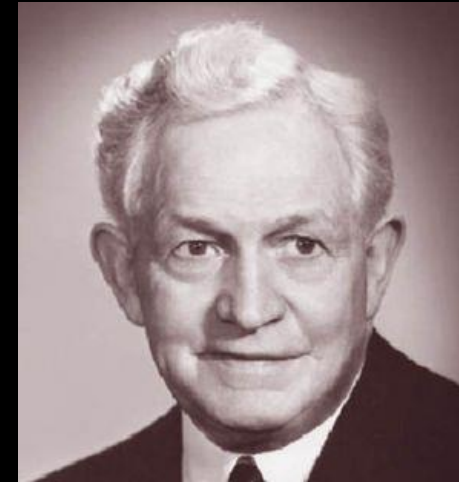


Doubtless the nine who did not come back were obedient to the strict letter of the Lord's command...



...but their lack of gratitude and their failure to acknowledge the power of God was in contrast to the one filled with the spirit.

"Gratitude is deeper than thanks.
Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude.
Gratitude is the completion of
thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist
merely of words. Gratitude is shown in
acts."



"There are not found that returned to give glory to God...



...save this stranger."

Through faith and obedience and repentance we
can be made clean



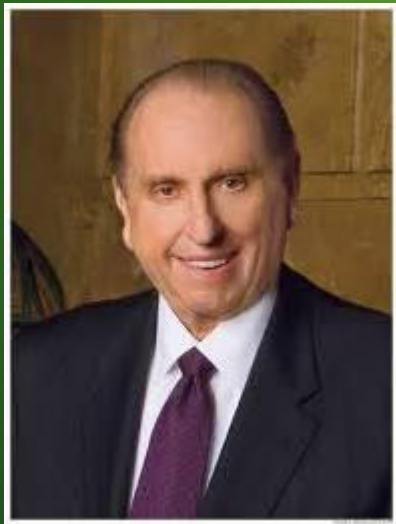
"...Arise, go thy way...



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...thy faith hath made thee whole."

*"Thou shalt thank the
Lord thy God in all
things."
D&C 59:7*



"My brothers and sisters, do we remember to give thanks for the blessings we receive? Sincerely giving thanks not only helps us recognize our blessings, but it also unlocks the doors of heaven and helps us feel God's love"

The Habit of Saying Thankyou



“The habit of saying thank you is the mark of an educated man or woman. ...

“... Let a spirit of thanksgiving guide and bless your days and nights. Work at it. You will find it will yield wonderful results.”



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Video: **The 10th Leper** (5:38)



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Sin, forgiveness, Faith, and Duty			17:1-4	
Parable of Unprofitable Servant (Faith as a Mustard Seed)	17:20		17:5-10	
Jesus Goes North into Samaria and Galilee			17:11	
Jesus Cleanses Ten lepers			17:12-19	
Signs and Times of the Kingdom of God			17:20-37	

Mustard Seed Luke 17:5-10:

Elder John K. Carmack taught: “No matter how difficult and impossible the circumstances we face, we must retain the attitude that we are still in the Lord’s debt. Just keeping the commandments, while laudable, may be enough to maintain our faith but not enough to increase it. We must continue sacrificing and serving with no thought of reward. We do it out of love and gratitude for the Lord, to whom we owe everything” (“Lord, Increase Our Faith,” *Ensign*, Mar. 2002, 56).

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Healing Inside Luke 17:11-19

“In becoming a whole person, the grateful leper was healed inside as well as on the outside. That day nine lepers were healed skin deep, but only one had the faith to be made whole”
Bishop Merrill J. Bateman, (“The Power to Heal from Within,” *Ensign*, May 1995, 14).

Kingdom of God Luke 17:21:

The Prophet Joseph Smith taught the following about the “kingdom of God”:
“Some say the kingdom of God was not set up on the earth until the day of Pentecost, and that John [the Baptist] did not preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; but I say, in the name of the Lord, that the kingdom of God was set up on the earth from the days of Adam to the present time. Whenever there has been a righteous man on earth unto whom God revealed His word and gave power and authority to administer in His name, ... there is the kingdom of God” (*Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith* [2007], 82).