

## "As They Went"

Scripture Lesson: - Luke 17:11-19.

Text: - Luke 17:14.

Introduction: - As Jesus went to Jerusalem, He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. In a certain village there met him ten lepers, who stood afar off and cried, "Jesus, Master have mercy on us". When he saw them he simply said, "Go show yourselves unto the priests". The priests were health officers, and these men had no right to go unto the priests until they were cured of their leprosy. They knew that they were not well. But as they went they were healed, they were cleansed.

Jesus had three ways of teaching his disciples.  
1. By direct instruction. 2. By use of the parable  
3. Sometimes by illustration.

In connection he made use of all three methods. The disciples had said to Jesus, "Increase our faith". In response he had said unto them, "If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say to this sycamore tree, Be thou plucked up by the root and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you." Then the parable of service.

### I.

I believe God has a right to expect three things from heather and Christian alike. No matter where he was born, whether in a gutter or in a palace, in the depth of Africa or in the midst of the finest city, Christian city on earth, God has a right to expect of him,

As honest effort to forsake sin. That does not mean the sin you do not know, but it means everything you do know that is sinful. You will adopt the principle that as you get more light, and more light will show to ~~that~~ you the uncleanness of heart, then you will give that up also. The lepers were cleansed by the way. So will you be cleansed.

## II.

Second, the desire to know the truth in order to do it. One of the most cursed ambitions that ever stirred a human mind, is the desire for selfish knowledge. But to know in order to do, that is a godly thing. A passion of knowledge, or for knowledge, for the sake of character. To live up to all the light you have, that you may get more light by doing what you ought to do. To take the next step you see before you with what light you have. "If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin". As they went they were cleansed.

## III.

And then the open confession of this intention. Yes, open confession. That is both reasonable and necessary. We touch lives all around us. "No man liveth unto himself". The people are formed into one great network of society. If one suffers, then all suffer with it. Then they have a right to know you and to look upon you, and have a right to know that as for you, you mean to do right as far as it shall be shown unto you.

If a man does these three things, he will come to a knowledge of sin, to a knowledge of God, to a knowledge of God's salvation, to peace and light and hope and likeness unto Jesus Christ.

As they were cleansed. How were they cleansed? By doing the thing Jesus told them to do. What was that? Go show yourselves unto the priests. But they were not cleansed. Yes, when they went to shew themselves they were on the way to a cleansing within.