



Leprosy in the Bible



What is leprosy?

- Leprosy is a skin disease that is caused by bacteria
- It is a “flesh eating” disease
- Leprosy is an airborne droplet disease - which means it can be spread from one person to another by cough, sneeze, or even speaking
- People who have leprosy are called lepers and are kept in isolation away from the rest of the people even today
- This is a disease where people are shunned from the society and everyone

Leprosy in the Bible

- Leprosy is mentioned both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament
- Lepers are cast outside the camp of the Israelites in the Old Testament
- In the New Testament lepers are kept outside of the city gates away from society as much as possible
- If the Jewish culture if there is a person is coming near a leper the leper must cover themselves and say “unclean, unclean” Leviticus 13:45
- Leprosy represents sin
 - Sin can eat away us so that we lose ourselves
 - It casts us away from society - our family, our church, and ultimately Lord Jesus

What are a few examples of
lepers in the Old
Testament?

Old Testament

- Moses Exodus 4:6-7
- Miriam Numbers 12:10
- Naaman 2 Kings 5
- Gehazi 2 Kings 5:20
- Job 2 Samuel 3:29
- Uzziah 2 Chronicles 26

What are a few examples of
lepers in the New
Testament?

New Testament

- One Leper Matthew 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-46; Luke 5: 12-14
- Ten Lepers Luke 17: 11-19

The Ten Lepers

- Luke 17: 11-19
- While the Lord was traveling he passed by ten lepers who cried unto the Lord to have mercy on them
- Lord Jesus answered them right away and asked them to go show themselves to the priest
- Only one of the ten lepers came back to worship the Lord and to thank him for all that he has done
 - We should always be thankful for what the Lord does for us and say thank you to him

16 Lessons from The Ten Lepers Story

Lesson 1

- God's mercy is for all
- <https://www.joyfulabundantlife.com/16-things-i-learned-from-the-cleansing-of-the-ten-lepers/>

Lesson 2

Lesson 3

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Lesson 8
