

Luke 17 Meditation Exercise in the KJV, NIV and NKJV

Luke 17 King James Version (KJV)

17:1 Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come! **2** It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. **3** Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. **4** And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him. **5** And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. **6** And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you. **7** But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? **8** And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I

Luke 17 New International Version (NIV) **Sin, Faith, Duty**

17:1 Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. **2** It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. **3** So watch yourselves. “If your brother or sister^[a] sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. **4** Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.” **5** The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” **6** He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you. **7** “Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? **8** Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my

Luke 17 New King James Version Jesus Warns of Offenses

17:1 Then He said to the disciples, “It is impossible that no ^[a]offenses should come, but woe *to him* through whom they do come! **2** It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should ^[b]offend one of these little ones. **3** Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins ^[c]against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. **4** And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns ^[d]to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.”

Faith and Duty

5 And the apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.” **6** So the Lord said, “If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be pulled up by the roots and be

may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? 9

Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not. 10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do. 11 And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. 12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: 13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. 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 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, 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 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are

supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? 9 Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? 10 So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'”

Jesus Heals Ten Men With Leprosy

11 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy^[b] met him. They stood at a distance 13 and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” 14 When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. 15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. 16 He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. 17 Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other

planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. 7 And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and sit down to eat’? 8 But will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink’? 9 Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded ^[e]him? I think not. 10 So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.’ ”

Ten Lepers Cleansed

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

the nine? 18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. 19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole. 20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you. 22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it. 23 And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them. 24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day. 25 But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation. 26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. 27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage,

nine? 18 Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19 Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

The Coming of the Kingdom of God

20 Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, 21 nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is in your midst."^[c] 22 Then he said to his disciples, "The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. 23 People will tell you, 'There he is!' or 'Here he is!' Do not go running off after them. 24 For the Son of Man in his day^[d] will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. 25 But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. 26 "Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. 27 People

they lifted up *their* voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 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. 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."

The Coming of the Kingdom

20 Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; 21 nor will they say, ^[f]'See here!' or 'See there!'

until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; 29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. 30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. 31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. 32 Remember Lot's wife. 33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it. 34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. 35 Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto

were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 "It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. 29 But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 "It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. 31 On that day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. 32 Remember Lot's wife! 33 Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it. 34 I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. 35 Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left." 36" [e] "Where, Lord?" they asked. 37 He replied, "Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather."

For indeed, the kingdom of God is [g]within you." 22 Then He said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see *it*. 23 And they will say to you, [h] 'Look here!' or 'Look there!' Do not go after *them* or follow *them*. 24 For as the lightning that flashes out of one *part* under heaven shines to the other *part* under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day. 25 But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. 26 And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: 27 They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and

them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.

Footnotes:

- a. **Luke 17:3** The Greek word for *brother or sister (adelphos)* refers here to a fellow disciple, whether man or woman.
- b. **Luke 17:12** The Greek word traditionally translated *leprosy* was used for various diseases affecting the skin.
- c. **Luke 17:21** Or *is within you*
- d. **Luke 17:24** Some manuscripts do not have *in his day*.
- e. **Luke 17:36** Some manuscripts include here words similar to Matt. 24:40.

brimstone from heaven and destroyed *them* all. 30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. 31 “In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his ^[i]goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. 32 Remember Lot’s wife. 33 Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. 34 I tell you, in that night there will be two ^[i]men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. 35 Two *women* will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. 36 ^[i]Two *men* will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left.” 37And they answered and said to Him, “Where, Lord?” So He said to them, “Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together.”

Footnotes

- a. **Luke 17:1** *stumbling blocks*

		<p>b. <u>Luke 17:2</u> <i>cause one of these little ones to stumble</i></p> <p>c. <u>Luke 17:3</u> NU omits <i>against you</i></p> <p>d. <u>Luke 17:4</u> M omits <i>to you</i></p> <p>e. <u>Luke 17:9</u> NU omits the rest of v. 9; M omits <i>him</i></p> <p>f. <u>Luke 17:21</u> NU reverses <i>here and there</i></p> <p>g. <u>Luke 17:21</u> <i>in your midst</i></p> <p>h. <u>Luke 17:23</u> NU reverses <i>here and there</i></p> <p>i. <u>Luke 17:31</u> <i>possessions</i></p> <p>j. <u>Luke 17:34</u> Or <i>people</i></p> <p>k. <u>Luke 17:36</u> NU, M omit v. 36.</p>
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1. In verses, 1-4: There are 19 verses before the 2 meditated scriptures and 16 verses after. We must look carefully at the verses to make at least **2 observation points before** and **after** the meditated verse(s) and **5 observation points** in the **meditated verses**. **You must** also note a minimum of **2 words in the concordance** of the meditated verse(s) and **5 before and after** the meditated verses for a total of **7 overall**. An overview of the chapter shows 7 major divisions in the 37 verses. The first division is in verses 1-4. It deals with offences or traps (The KJV translates Strong's **OFFENCES: G4625** in the following manner: offence (9x), stumbling block (3x), occasion of stumbling (1x), occasion to fall (1x), thing that offends (1x); a trap, snare, any person or thing by which one is (entrapped) drawn into error or sin), **that cause another to sin**.



The person that causes one to be entrapped or snared into sin is said that they're in serious trouble because "it would be better for them to have a **MILLSTONE:** **The KJV translates Strong's** **MILLSTONE:** **G3037** in the following manner: **stone** (49x), **one stone** (4x), **another** (4x), **stumbling stone**, tied around their neck and to be thrown into the sea." These millstones were used to grind wheat or other grains into fine meal. One small circular one would be above the grain and one larger one below to cause the grinding to be effective.



The term "tied around the neck and thrown into the sea," = **These things, snares causing one to sin, will happen, but pity the person that makes it happen. If someone causes another to sin they must have a severe **REBUKE,** **The KJV translates Strong's** **REBUKE:** **G2008** in the following manner: **rebuke** (24x), **charge** (4x), **straightly charge**, to admonish or charge sharply. If the person that causes this error or stumbling to another repents for it, they should be forgiven; even if it happens seven times in a day.**

In verses, 5-6: After hearing Jesus' admonition regarding offences, the non-repentent offender being attached to a millstone and thrown into the sea, rebuking them and then forgiving them once they have repented up to seven times in a day; they asked Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus told them that if they had faith as a grain of mustard seed, they would say unto this Sycamine tree to be removed and to be planted in the sea, it would obey you. We have spoken several times in the past that the power of the mustard seed that Jesus refers to is not towards its small size, being the smallest seed of all herbs in the world, but instead is towards its continuing growth. It grows to be a huge tree from its continuing, or diligence. So is our faith to continue to grow through diligence until it can do the impossible in human terms. **FAITH:** **The KJV translates Strong's**

FAITH: **G4102 in the following manner:** [faith](#) (239x), [assurance](#) (1x), [believe \(with G1537\)](#) (1x), [belief](#) (1x), [them that believe](#) (1x), [fidelity](#), a strong and welcome conviction or belief that Jesus is the Messiah, through whom we obtain eternal salvation in the kingdom of God. Also, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. (Romans 10:17)

In verses, 7-10: Jesus continued speaking regarding the expectations of faith (I have come to understand that love, hope and faith are the major language or “cell phone” technology in God’s Kingdom) by comparing those expectations to a servant that has just come in from working in the field, they would then prepare the meal for their employer and afterwards eat themselves. The Lord states the question, would that servant be thanked for what they are expected and paid to do? “I **TROW** not. **The KJV translates Strong's TROW:** **G1380 in the following manner:** [think](#).

In verses, 11-19: As Jesus was passing through Samaria and Galilee in route to Jerusalem, 10 **LEPERS** approached him from a distance calling out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” Of course they were desiring to be cleansed of the leprosy. **The KJV translates Strong's LEPERS:** **G3015 in the following manner:** [leper](#) (9x). (Leprosy via www.dictionary.com a chronic, mildly infectious disease caused by *Mycobacterium leprae*, affecting the peripheral nervous system, skin, and nasal mucosa and variously characterized by ulcerations, tubercular nodules, and loss of sensation that sometimes leads to traumatic amputation of the anesthetized part. Jesus told them to go and show themselves to the priests. This was the customary process to bring about healing of those with leprosy. Although, the lepers had called on Jesus to have mercy on them and heal them as He had done with so many others, they followed His instructions, proceeding to go unto the priests. As they went **in faith**...and this is especially important, as faith comes by hearing a word from God. They were all cleansed of the leprosy. Only one, however returned to give glory to God while thanking Jesus with a loud voice. Jesus let him know that it was his.....not Jesus’ faith that had made him whole.

In verses, 20-21: At this point, we have come to the meditated verses. The Pharisees hearing and seeing the miraculous healing of the 10 lepers while hearing the loud proclamations of the Samaritan, could not deny that these results were obviously through God and demanded that Jesus tell them “when is the **KINGDOM OF GOD** coming.” **The KJV translates Strong's DEMANDED:** **G1905 in the following manner:** [ask](#) (53x), [demand](#) (2x), [desire](#) (1x), [ask question](#) (1x), [question](#) (1x), [ask after](#) (1x). to accost one with an enquiry, put a question to, enquiry of, ask, interrogate. They fully expected a throne to be upon an individual, palace, guards, army and of course the Roman armies to be dismissed from the land and the reestablishment of David’s throne with all of the trimmings. Firstly, Jesus was not bringing a natural kingdom of man into the earth as witnessed by the teaching, preaching, healings, miracles, demonic deliverances and restored lives. **The KJV translates Strong's KINGDOM:** **G932 in the following manner:** [kingdom \(of God\)](#) (71x), [kingdom \(of heaven\)](#) (32x), royal power, kingship, dominion, rule, of the royal power of Jesus as the triumphant Messiah, a kingdom, the territory subject to the rule of a king. **The KJV translates Strong's GOD:** **G2316 in the following manner:** [God](#) (1,320x), www.dictionary.com **Kingdom of God** - the spiritual domain over which God is

sovereign **spiritual domain**, **spiritual world**, **unseen** - a belief that there is a realm controlled by a divine spirit. Jesus went on to tell them that the Kingdom of God does not come with **OBSERVATION**. **The KJV translates Strong's**

OBSERVATION: G3907 in the following manner: **observation** (1x). inspection, i.e. ocular evidence:—observation, in such a manner that it can be watched with the eyes, i. e. in a visible manner. Jesus went on further to state, **BEHOLD**, the kingdom is within you. **The KJV translates Strong's** **BEHOLD: G2400 in the following manner:** **behold** (181x), **lo** (29x), **see** (3x). found in the N. T. especially in the Gospels of Matthew and of Luke, used very often in imitation of the Hebrew **ראה**, and giving a peculiar vivacity to the style by bidding the reader or hearer to attend to what is said: "Behold! See! Lo!" Jesus further stated that the Kingdom of God is within you. The lepers were cleansed from the inside outwardly. They came with mustard seed small faith from what they had heard of Jesus. They engaged directly in relationship with Jesus in calling out Jesus, Master, have mercy on us! Jesus responded with an answer, "go show yourself to the priests." They heard the word of God; faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. (Rhema word from the mouth of God) They believed internally, received the word then acted on it by faith. Jesus again told the Samaritan, that his faith, not Jesus' had made him whole. So many are looking for something that they can feel, touch and see with ocular evidence...the Kingdom of God does not come via observation.

In verses, 22-32: Jesus told His disciples that the time would come when they will want and wish to see the days that they were seeing now with the

SON OF MAN **The KJV translates Strong's** **SON OF MAN: G444 in the following manner:** **man** (552x), **not translated** (4x), **miscellaneous** (3x). of from God and Christ. He said that they will say lo here and lo there is He, but do not follow after them. For as fast as the lightning flashes from this side of the earth to the other so shall His coming be. Jesus then said that this generation shall treat Him poorly and then reject Him. Jesus then made 3 comparisons of the past when sudden destruction came to mankind when they were eating, marrying, building, buying and being merry; He spoke of Noah's day before the flood, Lot's day before he was taken captive **SODOM** and Gomora after Lot's leaving came to a swift end through destruction. In all instances, sudden destruction came upon them. **The KJV translates Strong's** **SODOM: G4670 in the following manner:** **Sodom** (9x), **Sodoma** (1x). Sodom = "burning" a city destroyed by the Lord raining fire and brimstone on it. (Reminds me of the Covid-19...suddenly people were shut-up in houses, some jobs laid-off while others were permanently shuttered... suddenly) Then Jesus said, so shall it be when He returns, a man will be working on top of his roof and suddenly will have to leave, he should not try to come down and get objects from his home; he'll have to leave immediately! Sound like the Passover where they ate their food standing-up with coats, hats, scarfs and shoes on for their sudden departure? Here is a very relevant point, if people are not accustomed to the supernatural in their daily lives then how will they leave in the rapture? Will the rapture be supernatural? Yes. Will jets take us to glory? No.

In verses, 33-37: Jesus then stated that he who gives up his life for Jesus' sake shall gain it and he that holds unto his worldly-life shall lose it. When Jesus returns there will be two shall be in one bed the one will be taken the other left, two shall be in the field, one will be taken the other left and then two women will be grinding together one will be taken and the other left. **Then Jesus' disciples spoke up, "But where will this happen, Lord?" Jesus said, "Where there is a corpse, there will always be buzzards."**