



Developing a Thankful Heart

Luke 17:11-19

Thanksgiving 2011



# Introduction

- Psalm 100:4, says, *"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name."*
- Psalm 105:1, says, *"O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples."*





# Introduction (cont'd)

- 1 Thessalonians 5:18, says, *"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."*
- Ephesians 5:20, *"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."*




# I. The Plea that was requested (vv.11-13 NLT)

- <sup>11</sup> As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village there, ten lepers stood at a distance, <sup>13</sup> crying out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

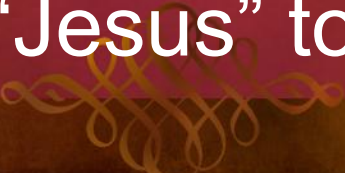


# The plea cont'd

- Now notice they called Jesus “master.” Elsewhere, only Jesus’ disciples used this term “master” (*epistata*) to address Him.
  - Non-disciples use the term “teacher” (*didaskalos*).
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# The Plea (cont'd)

- These lepers had a need, and they knew Jesus could meet that need.
  - The world around us is still crying out for Jesus and we are His representatives.
  - The church is “Jesus” to the world.
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## Ephesians 2:4-6 (NLT)

- *<sup>4</sup> But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, <sup>5</sup> that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) <sup>6</sup> For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.*



# Ephesians 2:7 (NLT)

- *<sup>7</sup> So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.*
- *We must show mercy to the world.*




## II. The Obedience that was required (v.14)

- <sup>14</sup> He looked at them and said, “Go show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy.
- According to Leviticus 14, the leper, whose leprosy had gone into remission or who had been healed would show themselves to the priest who would declare them clean or unclean.

# Obedience (cont'd)

- *Never put conditions before obedience to Jesus.*
- “God, you make me well, and then I’ll...”
- “Jesus, if I get this job, then I’ll start tithing.”
- “God, forgive me, but I’m still going through with the divorce.”



## James 1:25 (Amp)

- *“But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it and perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience).”*



### III. The Praise that was returned (vv.15-18)

- <sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, “Praise God!” <sup>16</sup> He fell to the ground at Jesus’ feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan.
- <sup>17</sup> Jesus asked, “Didn’t I heal ten men? Where are the other nine?” <sup>18</sup> Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?”




# The Praise (cont'd)

- *To develop a grateful spirit we must change our priorities.*
- This leper turns around, changes his approach, and comes back to Jesus.





# The Praise (cont'd)

- Notice that this Samaritan did four things in response to his healing:
  - He was “*shouting Praise God!*”
  - “*In a loud voice.*”
  - “*Threw himself at Jesus’ feet.*”
  - “*And thanked Him.*”
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# The Praise (cont'd)

- 1 Corinthians 11:25 (NLT), *“This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this to remember me as often as you drink it.”*
- We need to understand that true faith and worship involves praising, i.e., glorifying God and His Son Jesus Christ.

## IV. The Healing that was received (v.19)

- *<sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to the man, “Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you.”*
- Some translations say, “Your faith has made you whole/well.”

# The Healing (cont'd)

- When the ten men were healed of their leprosy in v.14 the Greek word for “healed” is (katharizō) which means “to purify.”
- When Jesus tells the Samaritan leper in v.19 that his faith has “healed you/made you whole,” the Greek word is (sōzō) which means “to save or deliver from destruction.”

# The Healing (cont'd)

- *When we focus on Jesus, we experience healing in life (mind, emotions, and sometimes body.)*
- Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV):
- *“But He was wounded for our transgressions,  
He was bruised for our iniquities;  
The chastisement for our peace was upon  
Him, And by His stripes we are healed.”*

# Changing Our Approach This Thanksgiving

## 1) *With Haste*

- Stop everything.
- Your only priority becomes Christ.
- It's an everyday thing.

# Changing Our Approach (cont'd)

## 2) With Humility (totally counters the entitlement belief)

- It's not about you.
- Corporately
- Individually

# Changing Our Approach (cont'd)

## 3) With Everyone

- It starts and ends with Jesus.
- He tells us that how we treat each other will show the world.



# Invitation





# Communion

