

The Power of Thanksgiving
Luke 17:11-19
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Main Idea: Gratitude is the best response to Jesus' healing in our lives.

Introduction

We often forget to be thankful for the little things that God does for us every day. We tend to remember to show our gratitude when he does big things in our lives. But we should show our gratitude every day for things that God has done and continues to do. Today is Thanksgiving day and we remember to be grateful for all that God is doing in and around us. The Thanksgiving day should happen every day when we consider all that God does for us throughout our lives. Let's take a look at the 10 lepers and only one that returns improperly that Jesus.

Luke 17:11–13

11 On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. **12** And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance **13** and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."

- I.** We can call on Jesus for help.
 - A No matter what our trial Jesus is listening.
 - B Don't be afraid to ask him for help.

Luke 17:14-16

14 When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. **15** Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; **16** and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.

- II.** We should thank the Lord when he delivers us from trial.
 - A Jesus miraculously provides for us.
 - B We must thank with our whole being.

Luke 17:17-19

17 Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? **18** Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" **19** And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

III. An attitude of gratitude is our best response.

A Jesus expects that we will be grateful.

B Trust and Thanksgiving provide our healing.

Conclusion

We don't know if the other side who did not give thanks to Jesus remained cleansed of their leprosy or not. The text is not very clear on whether this cleansing will be reversed by Jesus simply because they were not showing gratitude. But it does big question of contemplative Christians as we should show our gratitude. Being thankful for what God does in our lives is important. We must not take light the kindness of our Lord nor should we ignore the things that he does in our lives big and small. Let us be the kind of people who are always grateful for everything that God gives us and never forget to give him thanks for all of his good gifts.