

SERMON-BASED STUDY: BE THE ONE

Luke 17:11-19, ESV – 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.” 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. 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.”

Notes:

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QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 Why do you think only one leper returned to thank Jesus?
- 2 What is the difference between “well” and “healed”? What was necessary for the one leper to be “well” and not just “healed”?

DIGGING DEEPER

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1 Chronicles 16:8-13, 23-36, ESV – ⁸ Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! ⁹ Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! ¹⁰ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! ¹¹ Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! ¹² Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered, ¹³ O offspring of Israel his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

²³ Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. ²⁴ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! ²⁵ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods. ²⁶ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

²⁷ Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.

²⁸ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! ²⁹ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; ³⁰ tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. ³¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!” ³² Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! ³³ Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. ³⁴ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

³⁵ Say also: “Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise. ³⁶ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!”

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How does David’s song of thanksgiving emphasize the sovereignty and majesty of God? How did this perspective shape his approach to worship?

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How does David’s song of thanksgiving portray God’s faithfulness to His covenant? How does this assure you in your own faith?

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How can David’s song of thanksgiving be a model for our prayers and praises today? How can we carry the joy of worship into our daily living?

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, ESV – ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Psalms 7:17, ESV – ¹⁷ I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.

Colossians 3:15-17, ESV – ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

7 According to the passages above, why should followers of Christ give thanks to God?

8 In Colossians 3:15, why does Paul say, “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts”? How is this connected with thankfulness?

9 How does giving thanks to the Father while doing things in the name of Jesus focus our worship on Him?

TAKING IT HOME

This week, we were reminded to be the one who gives thanks to Jesus, the source of all good gifts. What are some “marvelous works” that God has done in your life, and how have you given thanks and made them known? Share with your group what God is showing you. Pray that each of you will be people who give thanks to God in all circumstances.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 28:7, 69:30, 107:1
James 1:17

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