

A biblical scene set in a desert landscape. In the foreground, a man with a beard and a head covering kneels on the ground, looking up at Jesus with his hands outstretched in prayer. Jesus, on the left, stands in a white robe with his right hand extended towards the kneeling man. In the background, a group of people in traditional robes are walking away, some with their hands raised in praise. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset.

A LESSON ON THANKSGIVING 2026

*The healing of
ten men*

Luke 17:11-19



A “leper’s” life

⁴⁵ “The leprous person who has the disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean.’

*⁴⁶ He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease. He is unclean. He shall live alone. His dwelling shall be outside the camp. **Leviticus 13:45-46***

A “leper’s” life

*Leviticus 14:1-32 contains
elaborate ritual led by the
priest for the declaration that
a leper was “clean”*

A “Samaritan’s” life

Socially outcast from Judeans

Followed Pentateuch

Worshipped on Gerezim near Shechem

A Thanksgiving lesson

WHEN were the 10 healed of leprosy?

*WHY did Jesus tell them to go to the
priests?*

*WHO would the audience (Jews)
expect to be thankful?*

A Thanksgiving lesson

*WHY do you think the other
9 did not return to give
thanks?*

*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.*

“Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

A Thanksgiving lesson

*Samaritan did not need
priestly ritual to
authenticate his healing*

A Thanksgiving lesson

*Jesus commended his strong
faith*

*Jesus did not tell him to go
back to the priest a 2nd time*

A Thanksgiving lesson

God does not “owe” us

*Thanklessness due to spiritual
entitlement*

A Thanksgiving lesson

*Thankfulness to God is part of
worship, prayer and praise*

A Thanksgiving lesson

*Thankfulness is very intentional
and even takes risks*

Takeaways “be thankful”

Verbalize thankfulness in relationships!

Start your prayers with thanksgiving

*Be thankful beyond condition or
circumstance*