

He Turned Back to GIVE THANKS

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Message Text: Luke 17:11-19

Introduction:

Long before there was a holiday set aside in the United States for thanksgiving, God called His people to be thankful. The Bible indicates that the lack of thanksgiving is an evidence of a wayward society. Whether in private or public, God desires us to be full of gratitude. Let's pause and evaluate how we are doing in giving of thanks especially for the salvation that Jesus has provided for us.

1. A _____ Condition (11-13)

A. A Divine _____ (11-12)

Luke 17:11-12 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:

JESUS CHOOSE AN AVOIDED VILLAGE (11)

Luke 9:51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,

NOTE — The Jewish people would travel around Samaria, but never through Samaria.

JESUS CAME TO AVOIDED PEOPLE (12)

QUOTE: Anyone who came in contact with a leper was also considered unclean. — Freeman

Leviticus 13:9 When the plague of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought unto the priest;

Leviticus 13:44-46 He is a leprous man, he is unclean: the priest shall pronounce him utterly unclean; his plague is in his head. 45 And the leper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be rent, and his head bare, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean. 46 All the days wherein the plague shall

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be in him he shall be defiled; he is unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall his habitation be.

QUOTE: Leprosy has terrified humanity since ancient times. It is a powerful symbol reminding us of sin's spread and horrible consequences. —Answers in Genesis

1 Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

B. A Desperate _____ (13)

Luke 17:13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

NOTE — They acknowledged who Jesus was as Savior and Master.

DEFINITION—MERCY: to have compassion, show pity

QUOTE: A man pronounced unclean by the priest then began a terrible separation, for he would dwell alone; without the camp, which was actually a living death. He was cut off from spiritual fellowship with the covenant people, and in a real sense would be without hope and without God in the world. —KJV Study Bible

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

2. A Total _____ (14)

A. The _____ of Faith (14a)

Luke 17:14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests...

QUOTE: These men are sent to the priests in order to be declared fit to return to normal society. By going, they demonstrate faith in Jesus's word. —Eermans

Leviticus 14:2 This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing: He shall be brought unto the priest:

QUOTE: The occasion on which a person was cured of his skin disease or leprosy was of considerable significance. It marked his unexpected restoration to fellowship with his family and the community as a whole, and brought him back into a relationship with God's sanctuary. —KJV Study Bible

Romans 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Ephesians 2:8–9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

B. The _____ of Faith (14b)

Luke 17:14 ...And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

DEFINITION—CLEANSED: to be healed; to be or become healed of a disease that renders one ceremonially unclean; conceived of as being washed or cleansed.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

3. A Thankful _____ (15-19)

A. His _____ in Thanksgiving (15-16)

Luke 17:15–16 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.

HE TURNED BACK

HE FELL ON HIS FACE

HE GAVE THANKS

SAMARITAN — Half Jew/half Gentile; hated by the Jews

Luke 7:47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

B. His _____ of Thanksgiving (17-19)

Luke 17:17–19 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are 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.

WHERE ARE THE NINE?

WHY DO WE NEGLECT TO GIVE THANKS?

Matthew 16:26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

2 Timothy 3:1–5 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Conclusion

Psalms 50:14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; And pay thy vows unto the most High:



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