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**Topic: Jesus and the Ten Lepers**

**Text: Luke 17:11-19**

**Introduction:** Leprosy is a chronic, infectious disease characterized by sores, scabs and white shining spots beneath the skin. In the Old Testament, Priest was the central figure in the regulation of the cure of patients and for sanitary precautions. If the symptom is observed, the Priest will decide if it was leprosy or some other disease for the proper action as in **Leviticus 13:45-46**.

In our time, parents will want their children to have good manners. When a child asks for something from the parents, it is expected of the child to say "Please". Also when a person receives a gift, what are you supposed to say? Thank you.

For example, when a child receives a gift it really wanted for Christmas. The child will be very happy for the gift and being thankful to the parents is an extra step. The child will further show thankfulness by giving Dad or Mom a hug, or saying "thank you" over and over again. That is what God expect from us always, more especially for the gift of Jesus Christ even this season.

Jesus gave an amazing gift to ten men. And while all ten of them may have been happy that they received a gift, only one of them chose to show thankfulness to Jesus.

It is important we understand exactly what leprosy looks like and why it was a big deal when Jesus healed these ten men.

### **BASIC FACTS**

(1) In this life there are consequences for good or bad choices (2) The Bible said that the men had a skin disease called leprosy not it was observed. (3) When God created the world, it was perfect no sickness; no death everything was beautiful and good. (4) When sin came into the world, it spoiled everything. (5) What are we noticing today corona virus/covid-19, cancer, divorce, killings, tornadoes, tsunamis, hurricanes, earthquakes, crime, all kinds of sickness and all kinds of evil etc.

### **LESSONS WE CAN LEARN FROM OUR TEXT**

*(1) Be thankful even if you are in difficult circumstances. This kind of thankfulness is faith. Hebrew 11:6*

Leprosy attacks the body, leaving sores, missing fingers, missing toes, and damaged limbs. In many cases, the initial pain of leprosy gives way to something more terrible than a loss of sensation in nerve endings, leading to more damage to more body parts. The disease can take 30 years to run its course, and in that time span, entire limbs can simply fall off. It was most horrible disease. It is an impossible task in trying to fathom what it was like 2,000 years ago, when medical treatment as we know it today was almost non-existent. But in order for the miracle to happen, these men had to start walking in

faith before their circumstances had changed. **We should not wait until the problems are over to start walking in faith.**

*(2) Be thankful in the work of God's goodness. Hebrew 12: 28-29*

This kind of thankfulness is worship. In **Vs 15** "One of the men came back to Jesus, and praised God". He was thankful. He was public about it. He was loud and did not shy at all. Let's take out time this period to acknowledge God for His goodness. That's worship.

*(3) Make sure your thankfulness leads to action. 1Thess 5:18*

One healed leper came back, in the simplest sense of what he did lead to action. Jesus asked him **verse 17** "Where are the other nine?" Jesus never expected them to express thankfulness to God, or return to him, the healer. Nevertheless, that is what Jesus expect from us always.

*(4) A lifestyle of thankfulness is a lifestyle of wellness. Proverbs 14:30*

Look first at **verse 15**. "One of them, when he saw he was healed . . ." The Greek word for healed is "hi-a-tha," It means to mend, to repair. It's like a broken bone finally mending. This man was all patched up. **Vs.19**, Jesus says to this very thankful man, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

### ***Conclusion***

A grateful heart is a magnet for miracles. No sin can make us unlovable. No problem can put our life on hold. No failure can negate His love. The miracle of His birth is the love of Jesus for all. Unthankful heart will discover no mercies, but thankful heart will find in every hour some heavenly blessings that surrounds continually. May God help us to always show a lifestyle of thanksgiving in Jesus Name.