



"A Grateful Heart"

Luke 17:11-19
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THE BIG IDEA: Jesus gladly gives **mercy** to those who seek Him. Ten men were united in the misery and isolation caused by their leprosy. All ten were healed physically, but only one was **grateful** and humble enough to come back, giving **praise** to God. He seems to be the only one who experienced ultimate, **spiritual** healing in his life.

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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.**"

7 TRUTHS THAT WILL LEAD YOU TO HAVE A GRATEFUL HEART:

1. Misery comes to **all people**, leaving all people with the same basic need for God's healing, mercy, and salvation. [Luke 17:12; John 16:33]
2. The work of God in our lives will be evident by our **obedience** to what He commands us to do. [Luke 17:14]
3. "Too often we are content to enjoy the gift, but we forget the **Giver**. We are quick to pray but slow to **praise**." – Warren Wiersbe [Romans 1:25]
4. The grace of gratitude opens the heart to further and often **greater** blessings from the Lord. [Psalm 51:15-17]
5. Giving thanks and praising God for His goodness and deeds **glorifies** and **pleases** the Father. [Psalm 116:12-19]
6. An unthankful heart is fertile soil for all kinds of sins and is one of the primary marks of one who has **rejected** God. [Romans 1:18-21]
7. The salvation Jesus offers is for **all** who will trust Him. [Romans 1:16; Mark 16:15]

"We ought to give thanks for all fortune: if it is good, because it is good, if bad, because it works in us patience, humility and the contempt of this world and the hope of our eternal country."

– C.S. Lewis
