



GIVE THANKS

Reason for Joy - Luke 17



Luke 17:

11 ¶ While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him; 13 and they raised 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 were going, they were cleansed. 15 Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back,



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glorifying God with a loud voice, 16 and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they? 18 "Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?" 19 And He said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has made you well."



On the way...

- To Jerusalem... His last trip
 - South thru Samaria...
 - Normally, not the way
 - Jesus was focused and ready
 - The horror of the age...

10 Leprous Men

- Living near the town
- Standing at a distance! 100 paces
 - Social outcasts
 - Hated, condemned, un-touched
 - Depth of despair... “have mercy”!

Jesus, Master

- A call to His heart
 - No repentance, just mercy
- He saw them...
 - Do we look at people in their need
 - Great disconnect... FB/Twitter

Charge to Obey

- Jesus does not touch or 'heal'
 - Go show yourself to the priests
 - Have your leprosy looked at
 - The same people who had cast them out, now to restore them?

As they went

- Progressive healing...
 - Renewal in body, social, spiritual
 - Reconnect with family
 - Opportunities and hope
 - 'to the priests' ...

Ingratitude

- A great sin of so many...
 - Not a 'consequence' sin
 - But, leads to attitudes of 'no limits'
 - Once we forget thanks...



Romans 1:

21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.



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One turned back!

- 10 indistinguishable men –
 - Not politics, wealth nor education
 - Not even race! Samaritan???
 - One turns back... glorifying God
 - Fell at His feet, continual thanks

Knowing

- Jesus knew all 10 were cleansed!
- Where are they???
- Foreigner, Samaritan, still outcast
- And yet, in God's blessings, grace



WHAT IF YOU
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the things you
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