

# How Can I Say Thanks?

## Aspects of Authentic Worship and Praise

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."  
—I Thessalonians 5:16-18

### "One...Came Back" Luke 17:11-19

"Ten men were miraculously healed through obedience, and then one man turned back to glorify God. Because of this, the question of Jesus, 'Where are the nine?' becomes arresting and revealing, showing as it does, that He waits for worship of healed souls, and often is robbed of it." —G. Campbell Morgan

#### I. "ALONG THE BORDER" (17:11)

- A. Jesus' constant pilgrimage to Jerusalem.
- B. Samaria's spiritual malady.
- C. Israel's spiritual malady.

#### II. "TEN MEN" (11:12)

- A. The tragedy of physical leprosy.
- B. The tragedy of spiritual separation.

#### III. "HAVE PITY" (11:13)

- A. The call of recognition.
- B. The call of pain.

#### IV. "CLEANSED" (11:14)

- A. Demands of the ritual Law (note Leviticus 13, 14)
- B. Dynamics of Divine grace.

#### V. "ONE...CAME BACK (11:15, 16)

- A. Witness of Divine blessing.
- B. Words of expression (v. 15).
- C. Worship of the Deliverer (v. 16).
  - 1. Note Luke's entry, that the leper was a Samaritan.

#### VI. "THE OTHER NINE?" (11:17, 18)

- A. Jesus' probing question (v.17).
- B. Jesus' point of reference (v. 18).

#### VII. "RISE AND GO" (11:19)

- A. Spiritual challenge; literally, "rising up, go...".
- B. Salvation confirmed.



#### FOR THOUGHT, DISCUSSION, and APPLICATION...

1. What are some of the perils of ultimate spiritual thanklessness? What are the serious implications of Romans 1:21, 22?
2. In His charge to the lepers to show themselves to the priests, what was His purpose? And what about the nationality of these men? Were they Jewish or Samaritan, or both?
3. Compare the tragedy of physical leprosy with spiritual sickness. What applications and lessons are there?
4. Do you think that the nine who walked away were converted at that point in time? Why? Why not? Could they have gone through the experience and yet fail to see their Healer as the Son of God? What about people today?
5. Speculate as to what might have happened in the future with the Samaritan who was healed. Of him alone did Jesus declare that he was "made well". In the original, this reads *saved with results that go on forever*.