

Returning Thanks

Luke 17:11-19 (ESV)

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Luke 5:12-14 (ESV)

While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” ¹³

And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately the leprosy left him. ¹⁴ And he charged him to tell no one, but “go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”

Video – The Chosen: Jesus heals a leper

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- Why do they call Him Master?
- What do they mean by “have mercy on us”?
- Why do you ask for mercy?
- Why ask Jesus?

Luke 17:14 (ESV)

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- Did you see their faith in action?
- They took Jesus at His word!

- Does our healing come as we walk out His Word?
- They had no evidence, they simply trusted Him!
- Are you doing what Jesus has called you to do?
- The path of obedience leads to healing!

Luke 17:15-19 (ESV)

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- Only one of them came back?
- What was his first response?
- Does God receive your praise with a loud voice?
- He came and worshiped at Jesus' feet!
- Was his response appropriate? Too much?
- How would you have responded?
- Should we only praise Him when things are good?

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (ESV)

give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

- Are you grateful for God's mercy?
- Jesus' stripes bought our forever healing!
- What response does your healing warrant?
- This man was healed from more than leprosy!
- The ultimate High Priest declared him clean!
- Do you have an attitude of gratitude?

Prayer

Romans 1:21

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.