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Sunday, November 22, 2026

sermon: "Gratitude for God's Grace" - Luke 17:11-19

Big Idea: Gratitude is the right response to God's generous gifts of healing, salvation, and hope.

I. Recognizing our Need (vv. 11-13)
- A. These ten lepers were in despair. The disease not only threatened their lives, but it had also stigmatized them and cut them off from all they had known and loved. They were:
  1. Desperate for healing.
  2. Desperate for hope (cf. Ps. 40:1-3).
- B. Spiritually speaking, our need is just as great; all of us are in a position of needing God's mercy (cf. Eph. 2:4-5). Our most important cry to God is a cry of help that comes from a place of desperation and hunger for God's forgiveness and healing (cf. Lk. 18:13; Ps. 40:11-13).

II. Receiving the Healing (v. 14)
- A. Jesus is moved by the heart that cries out to Him in earnest need and faith (cf. Lk. 18:35-43). In receiving His healing, we:
  1. Recognize Jesus' authority (v. 13; cf. Matt. 7:28-29).
  2. Recognize Jesus' ability (v. 13).
  3. Respond by faith to Jesus' commands (v. 14; cf. Matt. 7:24- 27).
- B. The term "made well" used here is a comprehensive term that goes beyond healing and can be translated, "saved." Jesus cares about our physical well-being, but His greater concern is for our spiritual condition (v. 17).

III. Responding with Gratitude (vv. 15-19)
- A. When we realize the magnitude of our healing, we can't help but to:
  1. Praise God for His goodness (v. 15).
  2. Thank God for His salvation and healing (v. 16).
  3. Serve God with all our heart (v. 16).
- B. What will move us to walk in obedience to Jesus? A spirit of praise and thankfulness helps to keep us mindful of all that Jesus has done to heal us of the deadly disease of sin and its consequences (cf. Ps. 103:1-5).

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