

Thanks-Giving

Thanksgiving Eve

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Psalm 136:1 Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever.

Luke 17:11-13 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance 13 and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

- Bring our problems to Jesus
- Sin is like leprosy:
 - Breaks relationships
 - Negatively impacts us and others
 - Affects our health and future
 - Desensitizes us

Isaiah 59:2 (NLT) It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, He has turned away and will not listen anymore.

Luke 17:14 When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

- Obey Jesus even when it does not make sense

Luke 17:15-16 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. 16 He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

- Express thanks to Jesus. Thanks, is meant to be given.

Luke 17:17-18 Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? 18 Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?"

- 4 Things that can prevent us from giving thanks:
 1. Broken relationship with God

Romans 1:21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

- 2. Worry

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

- 3. Entitled - Children of Israel in Numbers 11-14 constantly complaining to God and Moses
- 4. Pride

2 Timothy 3:1-2 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

Luke 17:19 Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Romans 6:17-18 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

- **The parallels to our salvation**

- We know we have a sin condition
- We ask Jesus for His help
- We put our faith in Jesus and He saves us
- We praise and thank Him in humility

Psalms 118:29 "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever"

Matthew 26:26-28 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body." Then He took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins"

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