



GOD'S GREATEST GIFTS: HIS HEALING

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Text: Luke 17:11-19



Introduction: We are in the middle of a series of lessons presenting God's greatest gifts. In this lesson, we are going to study about one of God's greatest gifts: His Healing. With Thanksgiving approaching this week, we are reminded that giving thanks is a part of our country's heritage. Jesus gave us principles for thanksgiving in an often overlooked story. His teaching is recorded in **Luke 17:11-19** through His encounter with ten lepers. Let's study this great story together, see who has trusted in His healing, and what His healing can do for us today

Discussion:

I. God's Healing Is A Gift From God

- A. We need to get up (vs.11-12)
- B. We need to get in (vs.13).
- C. We need to get out (v.14).
- D. We need to get back (vs.15-16).
- E. We need to get right (vs.17-19).

II. God's Healing Is A Good Gift

- A. His healing was good enough for David.
Psalm 6:2, Psalm 41:4
- B. His healing was good enough for Isaiah.
II Kings 20:8, Isaiah 6:1-8, Isaiah 58:8-9
- C. His healing was good enough for Jeremiah.
Jeremiah 17:14, Jeremiah 46:11
- D. His healing was good enough for Paul.
II Corinthians 12:9, Philippians 4:10-13

III. God's Healing Is A Perfect Gift

- A. His healing perfectly cleanses us.
I John 1:9, I Corinthians 5:7
- B. His healing perfectly completes us.
John 17:23, James 1:2-4
- C. His healing perfectly saves us.
Hebrews 5:9, Hebrews 12:23
- D. His healing perfectly transforms us.
Romans 12:2, Philippians 1:6

Conclusion: Are we really that far removed from this scene of Jesus and the ten lepers? The disease of sin is far more dangerous than that of leprosy. One destroys only the body, but sin destroys both body and soul. Desperation may bring you to Christ, but only gratitude can keep you there. We need to find our place this Thanksgiving season at the feet of Christ. Jesus is passing by. Where are the nine? Are you thankful for God's healing? Have you experienced His healing?

WORD OF THE DAY = "THANKFUL"