## THE ONE WHO RETURNED TO GIVE THANKS

Thanksgiving Eve Service Luke 17:11-19 NIV and Selected Verses November 26, 2025 Bro Danny Guzman



"Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." — Luke 17:11-19 NIV

1.	Gratitude	beains	with	awareness.

"When he saw he was healed..." Luke 17:15 NIV

Gratitude heightens our awareness

a) He noticed what God had done.

"Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits" – Psalm 103:2 NIV

- b) He didn't rush past the blessing.
- c) He didn't take grace for granted.

"David sang to the Lord the words of this song when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul – Psalm 18 and 2 Samuel 22:1 NIV

## 2. Gratitude turns us back to Jesus.

"...came back, praising God in a loud voice."— Luke 17:15 NIV

Gratitude doesn't just fill our hearts, it redirects our thoughts.

a) Gratitude pulls us out of routine.

- b) Gratitude interrupts our plans.
- c) Gratitude makes us willing to go back to the Giver, not just enjoy the gift .

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights,....."— James 1:17 NIV

"Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you."—Psalm 73:25 NIV

## 3. Gratitude leads to worship

"He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him."—Luke 17:16 NIV

Gratitude moves us closer to Jesus.

- a) from excitement to humility,
- b) from blessing to relationship,
- c) from receiving to worshiping.

Let us be thankful, and so worship God."—Hebrews 12:28 NIV

After God answers her desperate prayer, Hannah responds with a powerful worship song.—1 Samuel 2:1–10 NIV

"Then Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the Lord; in the Lord my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance. "There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. "Do not keep talking so proudly or let your mouth speak such arrogance, for the Lord is a God who knows, and by him deeds are weighed. "The bows of the warriors are broken, but those who stumbled are armed with strength. Those who were full hire themselves out for food, but those who were hungry are hungry no more. She who was barren has borne seven children, but she who has had many sons pines away. "The Lord brings death and makes alive; he brings down to the grave and raises up. The Lord sends poverty and wealth; he humbles and he exalts. He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor. "For the foundations of the earth are the Lord's; on them he has set the world. He will guard the feet of his faithful servants, but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness. "It is not by strength that one prevails; those who oppose the Lord will be broken. The Most High will thunder from heaven; the Lord will judge the ends of the earth. "He will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.""1 Samuel 2:1-10 NIV