

**Sermon Text:** Luke 17:11-19 Saving Faith Produces Worship

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**1) Faith calls upon Jesus for mercy (17:11-14).**

- a) “between Samaria and Galilee”—anticipates His mission to non-Jews (Luke 24:47; Acts 1:8)
- b) “ten lepers, who stood at a distance”—ceremonial uncleanness (Lev. 13:45-56 “unclean! unclean!”)
- c) “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us”—echoes OT prayers to the Lord God of Israel
- d) “show yourselves to the priests”
  - i) Before they were healed they were expected to obey. Faith produces obedience.
  - ii) The priests were inspectors with the authority to declare a person ceremonially clean.
- e) “As they went they were cleansed”—like Naaman (2 Kings 5)

**2) Saving faith returns to Jesus to worship (17:15-19).**

- a) “one”—9 have temporal faith; 1 has saving faith
- b) “saw that he was healed”—the tangible mercy of Christ
- c) “praising God with a loud voice”—loud voice indicates health and strength; he spends it on God’s glory
- d) “fell on his face at Jesus’ feet”—posture of worship
- e) “giving Him thanks”
  - i) recognizing Jesus’ divine power
  - ii) gratitude is essential to worship
- f) He “turned back” (17:15)
  - i) because worship of God was more important to him than restoration to society
  - ii) He goes to Jesus to worship, not the temple.
- g) “Now he was a Samaritan”—The mercy of God is brimming over from Israel to the nations.
- h) Jesus’ three questions highlight the right response of worship by contrasting it with the wrong response of most of the Jews.
  - i) Were not ten cleansed?
  - ii) Where are the nine?
  - iii) Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner? (cf. 4:27; 7:9)
- i) “Rise and go your way; your faith has saved you.”—More than a healthy body and new social acceptance, the Samaritan was restored to the worship of the one true and living God.
- j) **Application:**
  - i) Call on Jesus Christ for mercy.
  - ii) Worship God in and through Jesus Christ.
  - iii) Cultivate gratitude in your heart toward God.
    - (1) Confess ingratitude as a sin (Rom. 1:21; 2 Tim. 3:1-2).
    - (2) When tempted to complain remember to praise.
    - (3) Contemplate the inexpressible gift of God—Jesus Christ! (2 Cor. 9:15).

**Doxology:** But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere.—2 Corinthians 2:14