



Lesson Nine

Jesus Cures Ten Lepers

Heart Preparation & Bible Background

Do you get so caught up in the good things God has given you that you forget to thank him for his blessings? Perhaps that is what nine of the ten lepers did.

These men were burdened with a terrible disease. And when Jesus healed them, they experienced such deliverance, such relief from their misery, they forgot how desperate they had been before Jesus came along. The men showed great faith in the power of Jesus to heal them, but when he actually did so, they ran off and did not return to thank him for the healing he gave them—the blessing they did not deserve. How quickly the healed men forgot how hopeless they were before Jesus showed mercy!

Is it possible that we take God's blessings for granted because we forget how desperate we were once we gain relief? Or do we dare to think, in some unexplored territory of our hearts and minds, that we *deserve* good things from God?

We must never forget that we can “never establish any right over against God except the right that rests in His promises. God is the sovereign; we have come forth from His hand. He is in no way obligated to us. He who knows God in this way and has become humble before Him sees every blessing as a gift of his favor and is thankful.” (S. G. De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume III, p. 414)

The one who returned to Jesus with a grateful heart was a Samaritan. Never mind that Jews and Samaritans typically did not associate with one another; the man knew that God had healed him and he praised him for it, falling in complete thankfulness at the feet of Jesus—the Jewish healer sent from God.

May you, like the Samaritan, understand that expressing gratitude is part of your faith response to the One who gives you life and showers you with every good and perfect gift. As you study and prepare to teach this lesson, take time to focus on the blessings God has given you and your response to him. Pray for a grateful heart—one that is always ready to give thanks to God for all he has done for you.



Bible Truth

Jesus cured ten men of leprosy, but only one took the trouble to thank Jesus and give praise to God.

Scripture

Luke 17:11–19



Lesson Focus

Give thanks to God for what he has done for us.

Goals for the Children

- State that Jesus cured ten men of leprosy to show people he is God.
- State that Jesus did miracles so that people would trust him as God, their Savior.
- Name things for which they are thankful.



Memory Minute

Review Luke 8:39a and Psalm 9:1