

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 4 THE GRACE OF GRATITUDE

GOLDEN TEXT—Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.—Psalm 100:4. REFERENCE MATERIAL—1 Chron. 16:34; Psalm 103:1-5; Matt. 18:21-35; Phil. 4:6-7. PRIMARY TOPIC—A Man Who Was Thankful. JUNIOR TOPIC—Remembering to Thank God. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Grace of Gratitude. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Cultivating the Habit of Gratitude.

Jesus is now on His way to Jerusalem where He will be offered up for the sins of the people. It was fitting that He should pass through the country of the Samaritans, for He was the Savior of all men. On this occasion He came in touch with a colony of ten lepers, and His healing of them exhibits the condition of human nature and the workings of His divine grace.

I. Their Awful Affliction (v. 12). They were lepers. Leprosy is a contagious disease which rots off the members of the body and eventuates in death. It may be unnoticed in the blood of the person for years. It is of such a foul nature that the one thus afflicted is cast out from society. This segregation was in accordance with the Mosaic law (Lev. 13:46). It was a kind of Naaman quarantine measure. Leprosy has always been regarded as a type of sin, even at times visited upon people for some sin. Examples, the leprosy of Gehazi (2 Kings 5); Miriam (Num. 12); Uzziah (2 Kings 15:5). Sin has come into the world and flows from generation to generation through the racial stream, so that all are sinners (Rom. 5:12). Though sin may be hidden, it eventually breaks out and destroys the body. Evidences of this are seen on every hand. There is no need of Bible proof of its reality.

II. Their Cry for Mercy (v. 13). They were in great need. No human help was available. They had somehow heard how Jesus had healed some lepers. Where there is real healing it is bound to be noised about. This aroused faith in them. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom. 10:17). As He came their way they called for mercy. It is the privilege of all sinners to call upon Jesus Christ for mercy. Salvation from the most awful sins will surely come to all who cry unto Him.

in sincerity. III. Bidden to Go to the Priests (v. 14). Before the lepers were healed they were to show themselves to the priests, according to the Mosaic law (Lev. 14:1-32). As they went in faith they were healed. While God goes before in the work of salvation, yet He demands of the sinner faith. Faith is the cause of His action. Activity on the sinner's part is necessary so that God's grace can flow into him. Faith expresses itself in action. By this means the divine power and human need are united. The only faith needed is for the sinner to realize the healing power of Christ, and as this is acted upon there is the consequent increase which results in complete salvation. Cleansing is realized through obedience.

IV. The Gratitude of the One (vv. 15, 18). Perceiving that he was healed of his leprosy, the Samaritan turned back and with a loud voice glorified God. He even fell down on his face and gave thanks. The one least expected to show gratitude for this great mercy was the one who sincerely expressed it.

V. The Gratitude of the Nine (vv. 17-19). Presumably they were Jews. The very ones who should have been most grateful did not show any appreciation. They were content to get much from Christ without giving Him anything. He expects those who experience His salvation to give Him their love and gratitude. The Lord is hurt when saved sinners go off with the blessing of salvation as though they had stolen it. Many take all they get from Christ and give nothing in return. All the blessings of civilization are ours through Christ, yet how few thank Him for them. The proportion of those who are ungrateful for the blessings which Christ brought is perhaps nine to one. The fact that gratitude was expressed by a Samaritan shows how often we are shamed by the devotion of those less favored than ourselves.

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Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Includes J. S. Ayers, judge election (9.00) and O. W. Hamilton, registrar.

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