

Good Morning!

**Welcome to Meadowlark
Church of Christ!**

**Visitors please fill out
an attendance card ... thank you!**

Luke 17:11-19

*..there met Him ten leprous men, who stood at a distance; and they raised their voices, saying, "**Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!**" And when He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And it came about that as they were going, they were cleansed. Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they? Were none found who turned back to give glory to God, except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "**Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.**"*

Points about the life of lepers:

- 1. They had to go away from their community.*
- 2. They had to leave spouse and children.*
- 3. They were hated because of the danger.*
- 4. They often lost jobs (property & family).*
- 5. True leprosy was a DEATH SENTENCE.*
- 6. Many died of starvation and exposure.*
- 7. It was even difficult to beg.*
- 8. Banded together because of loneliness.*
- 9. Many believed they were "cursed by God".*
- 10. There was no physical cure at this point.*

What does a leper look like?



Psalm 15

*O Lord, who may abide in Thy tent? Who may dwell on Thy holy hill? He who walks with integrity and works righteousness, and speaks truth in his heart. He does not slander with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor takes up a reproach against his friend; in whose eyes a reprobate is despised, But who honors those who fear the Lord; **He swears to his own hurt, and does not change;** He does not put out his money at interest, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken.*

What giving thanks accomplishes:

- *Keeps me humble.*
- *Keeps me from being selfish.*
- *Recognizes God as the "giver of all good gifts".*
- *Helps me to focus on the positives in life.*
- *Teaches me to value the activities and love of others.*
- *It verbalizes my love and appreciation.*

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