

A Thankful Heart – Luke 17:7-19

I. God Deserves Obeisance (7-10)

A. Servants don't Earn Rights From Serving (7-9)

1. Servants Don't become family by doing their duty (7)
 - a. To Eat at Table meant close connection of fellowship
 - b. Like a waitress sitting down to eat with family
 - c. Masters Don't owe Servants for Serving
2. Servants Are Expected To Do their Duty (8)
 - a. Even after works in the field, expected to serve
 - b. Prepare the food, dress properly, serve the Master the meal
 - c. Only after His duty is complete will he eat and drink
3. Servants Are Not Praised For Doing their Duty (9)
 - a. Thanks are not necessary for servant obeying master
 - b. Duty of the Servant to Obey Master

B. God's Servants Don't Earn Rights From Serving (10)

1. Doing What is Commanded Doesn't Earn anything
2. Doing What is Commanded is Our Duty Anyway
3. Doing What is Commanded is Owed to God Even Without Reward
4. God's Servants Are All Unworthy of Blessing and Honor

II. Few Servants Give God Proper Obeisance (11-19)

A. 10 Lepers Receive the Blessing of Healing (11-14)

1. 10 Lepers Cry Out For Mercy (11-13)
 - a. A Desolate Region
 - b. Lepers Were Outcasts From Society
 - c. Lepers Were Not Allowed to Approach (Unclean, unclean)
 - d. Lepers Were Not Allowed in the Temple
 - Lepers recognized their position – cried out to Jesus
 - We do same when we are in a jam
2. Jesus Cleanses Lepers As they Go to Priest (14)
 - a. Show Yourselves to the Priest – OT Law, declared clean (8

days)

- b. They obeyed before they saw miracle
- c. On they way they were cleansed

B. One Leper Returns To Praise God (15-19)

1. One Leper Returned to Jesus (15-18)
 - a. Only One Samaritan Returned with Praise and Thanks (15-

16)

- b. Turned back, loud voice, fell on his face

2. Nine out of ten did not return (17-18)
 - a. They had their blessing, forgot God and Jesus
 - b. People are easily satisfied and complacent

C. The One Leper is Saved by Faith (19)

1. "well" = delivered, saved
2. Faith in Christ delivered His soul
3. He wanted relationship with the man, not just benefits.