

# Grace Notes

## Where Are the Other 9?

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Recorded only in Luke's gospel is the story of Jesus' encounter with ten lepers while on His way to Jerusalem. When they saw Him, they all cried, "*Jesus, Master, have pity on us!*" Jesus did just that. And then He instructed them to follow through with the Law by showing themselves to the priests.

It's a wonderful story that could've ended there - but it didn't. We pick it up in Luke 17:15 - "*One of [the lepers], when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked Him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, 'Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?'*"

Every time I read that passage my heart hurts. Because I know I am not nearly as grateful as I ought to be - as I am commanded to be. Basing his comments on Psalm 100:4, one author stated that "*thanksgiving is the gateway to worshipping God*" - the very entrance into holy fellowship with the King.

Next week we celebrate that North American holiday we call "Thanksgiving." May thanksgiving be a daily characteristic of who we are - and Whose we are. And, like the one leper in Luke 17, may we never, ever forget to simply stop and tell the Lord "thank you."

**Soli Deo Gloria, Nick**

