

# THANKSGIVING

(A living testimony of God's goodness)

"11. And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. 12. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: 13. And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. 14. And when he saw them, he said unto them, go shew your selves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. 15. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God. 16. And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was Samaritan (Luke 17:11-16).

## IN THIS TRUE INCIDENT WE WILL SEE COUPLE OF THINGS:

**1).Those ten lepers met Jesus.** As soon as they saw Jesus they recognized that he was able to heal them. They prayed for him with loud voice keeping distance. Jesus saw their condition, realized that they are really keeping distance, obeying the law of the land. He told them just go straight and show themselves to the priest who when will see them healed from their leprosy will declare that they are totally healed from their leprosy so that they will be accepted by their relatives and by the community too.

**2).They believed Jesus' words.** It amazes me to see that they did not have any questions or doubt on Jesus but just simply obeyed his words and started to see to the priest. As they were going they all were healed. One of them when he saw that he was totally healed from his leprosy, instead of going forward to see the priest he returned back glorified God with loud voice, thanked God and fell down at the feet Jesus. And he was a Samaritan, a heathen.

As I was meditating on the Luke chapter 17:11-16, strongly I remember the true incident which took place in Talavadi. In the year 2004 or 2005 one of the seminars which we held for Pastor Rick in Talavadi nearly 300 attendees were present from different villages. After seminar Pastor Rick started praying for the people who needed prayers. One lady nearly 30 years old came and with tears she told that her husband after couple of children went away with another lady and she requested Pastor Rick to pray for her husband that he would leave that woman and come back and reunited with her and with two children too. Pastor Rick laid his hand on her head and prayed and after just a month back the husband came back, with repentant heart asked his wife forgiveness and the family was happily reunited and they are living happily family life. What a miracle! I could not control my tears when couple came and gave testimony in the Talavadi in worship meeting. **God is God of restoration!**

Hannah prayed to the Lord with tears. When we come to God and share our heart-aches with tears He will honor our prayer and answer us. There so many people in the Bible who prayed to God with earnest prayer and God heard their prayers. Our God is God of Restoration! He loves us so much and takes delight in answering our prayers when we come to him in total trust and rely on Him 100%.

Some of us might have the same experience with the Lord! Yes, David said in his Psalm, "**O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him**" (Psalms 34:8). His promise is with us, "**And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you**"(Joel 2:25).

Let us rejoice in the Lord always! May our good Lord continue to bless you and your families!

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