

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well." Luke 17: 15-19

Good morning, men!

So Jesus heals 10 men of leprosy. They had been completely removed from their families, homes, jobs and former lives because of their diseases, and Jesus restores it all. They had important things to do: show themselves to the priests so they could be allowed back into the community, then rush home to see their families, and then see about getting their work back in order and planning for the rest of their lives. Very important work, no doubt!

But only one was made "well" because he alone realized the **most** important work was to realize what God had done for him and return to Jesus with praise and thanksgiving. The others were healed physically, but only one was made well spiritually.

The most important work we have before moving on to other important work is realizing all that the Heavenly Father has done for us and returning to him each day with hearts of praise and thanksgiving. Have you taken time today to realize all that the Father has done for you? If so, a heart of praise and thanksgiving will rise up within you and you will be made well.

Take time to praise the Heavenly Father today. Bring your family to His house tomorrow out of praise, thanksgiving and love. Help them to learn how to be made well everyday as the Holy Spirit heals our spirits through praise and thanksgiving! He will use your example to lead your family back to Himself.

You are more important than you know.

Your brother on the Journey,

Pastor Moe