

“Thank God for Spiritual Blessings”

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BIG SANDY, Texas--One of the greatest sins in this life is the sin of ingratitude. Our loving Father wants His children to express thankfulness to Him and to each other.

There are many scriptures that mention the importance of giving thanks to God. One of the most famous stories is the account of Jesus cleansing the 10 lepers (found in Luke 17:11-19).

Do you remember the main lesson in the story?

A group of 10 lepers asked Jesus to have mercy upon them (verse 13). Jesus told them to go see the priest (verse 14)--to confirm that they were cleansed.

Only one of the ten turned around to expression appreciation (verses 15-17).

How about you? Would you have been the one person to thank God?

This week we will discuss the idea of thanking God for our spiritual blessings.

Points to ponder

Here is a short list of some of the spiritual blessings in our lives.

- The knowledge of God's love for mankind—His love for you
- The knowledge of God the Father and His Son
- The knowledge of God sacrificing His Son
- Feeling God's love for you—experiencing God's love
- God's personal call to salvation
- The invitation to pray— to communicate
- The reality of answered prayer—when the answer is yes or no

- The knowledge of God's grace
- God's invitation to repentance
- God's faithfulness to forgive
- The knowledge of God's expectations
- The knowledge of God's law—a lamp unto our feet
- The meaning of water baptism
- The meaning of the laying on of hands
- Knowledge of God's promises, kingdom and gospel
- The words of the Bible—both Old and New Testaments
- The words of Jesus Christ
- The perfect example of Jesus Christ
- The imperfect example of believers—which reminds us about God's forgiveness
- The spiritual benefits of persecution
- Christ's strength being made perfect in our weakness
- Adversity—because of the opportunity to trust God
- False accusation—because of the opportunity to focus on your relationship with the Father and the Son

Remember God

As we enjoy meditating about the many spiritual blessings in our lives, let's be sure that we continue to give our appreciation back to God.

James 1:17—“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.