

Our Deeper Need

Read Luke 17:11-19

They were desperate.
Ten were gripped by the physical and social suffering of leprosy.
In hope they came and cried out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

They saw no immediate healing,
but He told them to go and show themselves to the priest.
That was what a leper would have to do if he or she claimed to be cleansed.
As they obeyed, they were healed.

Nine apparently had what they wanted from God.
He had been a way to make their life their own again.
They had their healing, so they were gone.

One of them thought about God
and about the Man who had brought Him near.
He thought about His great goodness,
about the mercy asked and received.
Somehow he had just met the Living God.
His marvelous compassion was now real and personal.
How could he just walk away?
He had to run and bow to Him.
He had to cry out and thank Him.
He had to worship Him with all his heart and soul.
For him, God's gift was not the end.
It was a beginning.
He had to respond to Him.
He had to come.

*Father, Your work on our behalf
goes on in realms and realities
beyond our perception.
You love us, redeem us, and bless us
in ways we cannot fully comprehend.
As we trust You,
You shower us with all Your best.*

Hymn: [Only You](#)

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