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The Turning Point

Luke 17:11-19

[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 yourselves 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 a Samaritan.

[17] And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

[18] There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

[19] And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

The mercy of God should yield and produce thanksgiving within us. Getting closer to God happens by trusting Him. Even when we feel so far away from God, we should never forget that God is right there!

2 Kings 5:10-15

[10] And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

[11] But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

[12] Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.

[13] And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?

[14] Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

[15] And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.

The foreigner is the most sensitive to Jesus. Those who respond to God may not be who you expect. Naturally one would expect your pastors, preachers, teachers and singers to; however as we yield unto each other's flesh the spiritual response fades. As we read from the way that the Jews did not return unto Jesus (due to their lack of being able to give glory to another Jew), God's blessings are often unappreciated and less to be appreciated.

1 Peter 4:1-19

[1] Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

[2] That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

[3] For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

[4] Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

[5] Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

[6] For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

[7] But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

[8] And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

[9] Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

[10] As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

[11] If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

[12] Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

[13] But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

[14] If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

[15] But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

[16] Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

[17] For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

[18] And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

[19] Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

If there is anything that I could leave you with today, it would be that the turning point in our lives should always be to come to Christ each day, resisting the part of ourselves that wants to dwell in the world and feign to its sin and weaknesses. You cross the turning point and stay in victory by abiding in the spirit of God as He is in you. As you come to realize this power, you will not be ashamed and will be proud to proclaim that He is Lord of your life and will want to spread the gospel of God!