

The Word Men Forget
(1). "The Forgotten Grace".

Lk 17:11-19

Pn 50:1-15

Intro:- (1). It was in a ranger's cabin far back in the Rocky Mountains..where Tom and I sat down to a meal. I said, "Tom, will you ask God's blessing on the food". He bowed..prayed..looked up. Ranger staring in amazement. "Who are you?...Not seen that done since left father's home". The forgotten grace! The grace of gratitude!

(2). Here is an experience in life of our Lord on earth:- Luke 17:11-18. One in ten..and that one a despised Samaritan. Nine nev. said "Thank-you". Very evid. other 9 were men of Judah..contrasted to this "stranger"..espec. God's people blessed..called..covenantèd..and healed...No gratitude.

AND NO DIFF. TODAY:- c/f Camp..10 sticks of gum.

Per. more prev. today:- II Tim. 3:1-2. Unthankful!

Illus:- P.J. and ice cream.. "Thank you"..No. Stubborn.

Fortunately had a stubborn grandfather! He learned!

God help us all..truly learn..this sweet, lovely, wonderful God-honouring grace of GRATITUDE!

I. This is no mere sentimental small talk..Most serious matt

(a). We pass it off too lightly...in home..in own life.

But wrapped up in it is pattern of life..time..eternity

Psychol. today say "Don't expect gratitude". (if it happens

..pleasant surprise). (Teen ager opened car door for girl

friend..She fainted. When came to thanked him. He fainted

BUT GOD DOES EXPECT GRATITUDE. as right, decent, proper.

"Thank..thanks..thanksgiving etc"..138 times in Bible..

And often as COMMAND OF GOD..c/f Ps. 50:14....100:4.

(b). We have thanksgiving ~~Monday~~ once a year..and even that degenerates into time of eating too much..too much STUFFING

Why do we not thank God for ev. breath we breathe? There seems to be three awful reasons. FIRST:- Our natural, arrogant pride. We think of ourselves as self-made men..women

"What I have I earned..won..deserved..saved." "Obligated

to nobody". No? This was part of sin of Belshazzar..Dan.

5:22..23b. (story). Nebuchad lost reason..Belsh. his life.

Who gave you, me..life..reason..health..breath..strength?

SECOND:- Our pampered selfishness. Lk. 12:1521. Am I

"rich TOWARD God"? His steward? Holding all at His disposal?

Or, like Judas, dipping in bag of life for self?

Can I resist sales-appeal..self-appeal for God? Or what?

THIRD:- Our lack of love. See:- here is picture of a

woman saying "Thank-you"..Luke 7:44-47. She loved much!

And love ALWAYS GIVES. It is forever grateful!

II. Will you let me set before you striking O.T. pic..gratitude

(a). Not pleasant setting..pic. of a forsaken man...

4 I Sam. 31:1...3...4...8-10 The end of the man who played the fool! Forsaken. Samuel dead..David in exile..Left to die. Friend scattered..Enemies took body..stripped..fastened to wall of Beth-shan..near Galilee. (Excavating). There it hung..an obscene, mutilated piece of human flesh. GLORIOUS KING SAUL (b). But something happened. He was NOT entirely forsaken Listen:- vs. 11-13. Valiant men of Jabesh-Gilead..living east of Jordan..set off..crossed river by night..came to Beth-Shan. Saul's body not on outside wall..II Sam. 21:12 says it was on street of Beth-shan. These men must have over-powered guards..bound, gagged..stolen in..and out. Risked lives. WHY? Gratitude! King Saul failed in so many ways..but on one occasion did noble deed..I Sam. 11:1-11. That never forgotten by men of J.Gilead. "He saved us". "We love him..Risk lives". This was GRATITUDE..self-less..born out of reciprocal love.

III. The rest that I would say find totally inadequate to express (a). A GREATER THAN SAUL IS HERE! Another was hung up to shameful public exposure..mutilated..insulted..mocked as one who claimed to be king. Our Lord Jesus stripped, scourged, crowned with thorns, hit over head, across cheeks,,beard pulled out, spit upon, crucified..and hung up to die..But far more. SIN OF WHOLE WORLD POURED UPON HIM..until cried..Matt. 27:46.... Forsaken..by disciples..friends.. and at last by GOD..(Sir) (b). Bec. He played the fool? Never! Bec. he played the Saviour..Shepherd giving life for sheep..Substitute..Sacrifice. His deliberate choice. "No man taketh..I lay it down of myself". For my sake..yours..John 3:16. Paying unpayable price of sin. How much it cost Him! See:- II Cor.8:9 "poor"..exactly same word as that is Luke 16:20-22.."A certain BEGGAR named Lazarus". Our Lord lit. BEGGARED Himself..paid all He had..for US. HE SAVED US! Not from loss of eyes..but from eternal death..hell He did all this?

Conclus:- 1. My part is GRATITUDE. Can I do less than men of Jabesh-Gilead? They laid their lives on the line for Saul.. Of another Saul..Paul..it was written..Acts 15:25-26. Can I do less? 2. Begun? Do you know that GRATITUDE is essential part of salvation? Accepting X as Saviour means receiving His FREE GIFT of eternal life..That involves humility..taking place of lost sinner..Involves self-renunciation..I cannot save myself..Involves love for One who first loved us. Involve. "Thank you, Lord. I bow heart to you. I trust you. Receive". 3. X'n..ever since..true X'n living CENTERS around our gratitude Not just matter of money. Almost afraid speak of tithe..for often looked upon as 10% tip to God..so that He will not interfere with rest of our affairs. I know..some sing "O how I love Jesus"..and don't love Him dime's ~~at all~~ worth in a dollar. Gratitude leads to STEWARDSHIP..and steward says:- "I am not my

own. I am bought with a price". Greek word is "Oikonomos"
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II Tim. 3:1-2 This know also that in the last days
perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of
their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blas-
phemers, disobedient to parents, UNTHANKFUL...

Ps. 50:14. "Offer unto God thanksgiving."

Ps. 100:4. "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise."

Dan. 5:22..23b "And thou his son, O Belshazzar
hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest
all this..and the God in whose hand thy breath is,
and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified"

Luke 12:15...Take heed and beware of covetousness"
(story of rich young ruler) "So is he that layeth
up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God"

Luke 7:44-47. "In house of Simon. Woman came and
washed feet of Jesus.. "She hath washed my feet with
tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head..
She hath not ceased to kiss my feet..This woman hath
anointed my feet with ointment...SHE LOVED MUCH."

I Sam. 31:1-4..8-10..11-13 (read)

I Sam. 11:1-11 (Read at home..) Nahash Ammonite
against Jabesh-Gilead..Right eyes..Sent for
Saul..delivered.

Matt. 27:46 "My God, my God, who hast thou forsaken
me?"

John 3:16.."For God so loved..."

II Cor. 8:9.."For ye know the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your
sakes he became POOR, that ye through his poverty
might be rich."

Acts 15:25-26.."Our beloved Paul and Barnabas..who
have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ."

II Cpr. 8:1---"The churches of Macedonia..
 in a great trial of affliction..and deep
 poverty..their joy abounded unto the riches of
 their liberality. For TO THEIR POWER. I
 bear record, and beyond their power they were
 willing of themselves; praying us with much
 intreaty that we would receive the gift...
 BUT FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES TO THE LORD,
 and unto us by the will of God."

Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren,
 by the mercies of God, that ye present your
 bodies a living sacrifice, wholly acceptable unto
 God, which is your reasonable service