

“SO RARE, GRATITUDE!”

Luke 17:11-19

1. It is quite common for misery to draw people of all sorts together. v.11-13

- A. They met Christ as he entered. He was unrefreshed, unrested, unprepared and unselfish.
- B. They stood far off from him. There was a separation between them and their God.
- C. Their request was unanimous. They cried in unison for mercy.

2. It is quite common for our Lord to minister to the miserable.

**3. It is quite common for religious leaders to inspect the work of others. v. 14
Lev. 14:1-32.**

**4. It is quite common for complete miracles to occur when the Savior is at
work among individuals. v. 14. (Acts 3:1-10)**

**5. It is quite uncommon (*so rare*) for most people to remember God after the
fact of disaster or dilemma. v. 15-16**

- A. Why didn't the nine turn back?
 - (a) In their legalism and obedience to the letter of the Law, did they violate the spirit of Christ's command?
 - (b). Did their Jewish pride feel they had a right to Christ's blessings?
 - (c). Did the ten have no spiritual common ground?
 - (d). Were they now interested in social acceptance?
 - (e). Were they simply ungrateful? Were they ingrates? This probably smacks of the truth.
- B. The contrast between the one and the nine.
 - (a). One surrendered to Christ's rule and the nine to His power.
 - (b). One sought benefits as a means while nine looked at healing as an end.
 - (c). One sought benefits as a road; the nine them as the goal.
 - (d). One knew that healing brought salvation. The others could care less.
 - (e). One was led to the Savior; the others turned away.
- C. Three ways we are ungrateful:
 - (a). We are ungrateful to parents.
 - (b). We are ungrateful to our fellow men.
 - (c). We are ungrateful to God.

6. It is quite common to break our Lord's heart. v. 17-19