

HELLO AND WELCOME

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study	10:00 am
Morning Worship	10:45 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study	7:00 pm
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A SPIRIT OF INGRATITUDE

By: Shawn Daniels

George MacDonald once wrote: "The careless soul receives the Father's gifts as if it were a way that things had of dropping into his hand...yet he is ever complaining, as if someone were accountable for the problems which meet him at every turn. For the good that comes to him, he gives no

thanks--who is there to thank? At the disappointments that befall him he grumbles--there must be someone to blame!"

Surely, this illustration shows the hypocrisy of many individuals. Many individuals indeed feel that the goodness of this life is due them. As a matter of fact, our own Constitution declares that all mankind has the right to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. This, of course, is good when dealing with the way humans deals with other humans, but when it comes to God, life, liberty, and the

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

PRAYER LIST

HEALTH

Sarah Adams
Dawn Copes
Don Craig
Bill Cyrus
Dottie Daniels
Darrel Eastham
Ann Egan
Tom Haines
Keith Hodges
Beulah Keppler
Bob Meiers
Gaylin Miller
Liz Miller
Mike Miller
Rudy Miller
Janice Ortman
Hallie & Don Phillips
Fay Runyon
Mark Young
Shirley Young
Geco "Hannah's Aunt"

ENCOURAGEMENT AND

TRAVELING

Bill Copes
Don Craig
Bob Whitaker
Matt Wood

ORDER OF SERVICE

MORNING

Song Leader	David Craig
Opening Prayer	Don Craig
Lord's Table	Doug Cyrus
Assist	Bob Calvert
Assist	Jerry Witt
Assist	Charlie Bryson
Lesson	Shawn Daniels
Closing Prayer	Don Phillips

EVENING

Song Leader	Bob Whitaker
Opening Prayer	David Craig
Lesson	Bob Calvert
Closing Prayer	Eric Whitaker

TODAY'S SERMON

The Scarlet Thread

(Joshua 6:25) "And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel even unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho."

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

(Rom 3:23) "Whom God hat set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forebearance of God."

pursuit of happiness are gifts from His holy grace. We are not owed anything from God. All good gifts are from our heavenly father. James says, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17)

Unfortunately, many it seems have developed the attitude of a spoiled child, believing that all good gifts are due him, and any disappointments are the fault of others. What a horrible show of ingratitude.

Luke records an event that shows how that many have a spirit of ingratitude. We read, "And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. 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. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole." (Luke 17:12-19)

Can you imagine the horrific pain these men were tortured with before Jesus came along? Can you imagine the comfort that came through God's grace? Yet only one of the ten came back to give God the glory. This sad commentary of Luke teaches us a sad truth about us. Are we being grateful to God?

A spirit of ingratitude is not only a matter

of rudeness or thoughtlessness, but there's also a greater danger attached with this spirit. Paul, in describing the downfall of all civilizations, shows us where society first went astray. Paul says, "When they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." (Romans 1:21) It is clear from Paul's writing that they became self-absorbed and disregarded any good gift as being from God. As spoiled children, they had taken advantage of a kind and loving Father, and they began to forget about God and His goodness.

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We must not forget about the goodness that we receive from our loving Father. We are not owed anything! But, we receive so much. We need to always keep this in our minds. Samuel wrote, "Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you." (1 Samuel 12:24)

This spirit of ingratitude can be fixed by not just saying thank you while you pray, but by changing the way you think. Paul says, "...and be ye thankful." (Colossians 3:15) This is not just to say thanks, but actually being thankful. The old hymn says, "Count your blessings, name them one by one." Perhaps, we could start with this and build a spirit of gratitude and thankfulness!

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Sermon Notes

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