



365 days of devotion to Christ

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unto the end of the world...

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Day 18 of 365



### Week 3 – Each day is getting better!

We are referred to as the “bride of Christ” throughout the New Testament and that reference gives us many truths we must understand, embrace, and seek each day in our lives with the Lord. As any relationship we must seek to know the Lord more, we must set aside special time for Him, we have a desperate desire to know Him, to feel Him, and to understand His desires for our life. As the bride we are also called to be servants of Christ but not just servants by command but led by His very example, as we are reminded: the greatest among us will be the least among us, those with hearts to serve, humble, and understanding just what we have here: liberty, eternal, paid for by the blood of Jesus and given out of the great love of the Father.

### Day 18 – Thank you

**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.** (Luke Chapter 17 verse 15-18 KJV)**

As you read today's scripture you see a leper who was cleansed by the mercy of the Almighty Christ, upon seeing the healing of the cancerous, disfiguring disease of leprosy the man returns and falls at the feet of Christ giving Him praise and honor for the mighty work Christ had done. I can imagine the thought of this Samaritan “who is my God that He has had mercy on me? Oh Lord I can never repay you! Thank you!” I can imagine his trembling and fear at the mighty hand of the Lord Jesus and the worship he was giving was absolutely what so many of us are missing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Notice then as now, 9 others were healed and blessed but only 1 man gave the right response, why?

I have seen it so many times, atheist or doubters praying to a God “they don't believe in” searching for help and mercy in the dark nights. God is so good that He answers the prayers of even those who don't know Him or have refused Him, and those same people are quick to dismiss the blessing of God even when they come out of that valley. Those who refuse to give God the glory and honor that He deserves should tremble because that same God of blessing, of mercy, and of grace is a God of judgment! As you enter day 18 of the 365

day challenge I wonder, have you thanked God lately for the wonderful things He has done?

**Today's prayer:**

Today pray the Lord would continue to show you His love. Pray He would continue to pour out mercy and grace and that He would forgive you for every second of doubt and every time you have forgot or refused to give Him praise. Pray God would open your life to the truth that He is always good, and that He would allow you to feel His presence even in the valley, even in the storm.