

# More Than a Holiday

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Abraham Lincoln, 1863: To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come... are the gracious gifts of the Most High God... It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States... to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

*“<sup>11</sup>As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, He reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. <sup>12</sup>As He entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, <sup>13</sup>crying out, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’” Luke 17:11-13 (NLT)*

*“<sup>1</sup>I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of His robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above Him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup>And they were calling to one another: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory.’ <sup>4</sup>At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>‘Woe to me!’ I cried. ‘I am ruined! For I am a man of **unclean** lips, and I live among a people of **unclean** lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.’” Isaiah 6:1-5 (NIV)*

*“When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, ‘Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m such a sinful man.’” Luke 5:8 (NLT)*

*“<sup>12</sup>In one of the villages, Jesus met a man with an advanced case of leprosy. When the man saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground, begging to be healed. ‘Lord,’ he said, ‘if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean.’ <sup>13</sup>Jesus reached out and **touched him**. ‘I am willing,’ He said. ‘Be healed!’ And instantly the leprosy disappeared.” Luke 5:12-13 (NLT)*

*“<sup>14</sup>He looked at them and said, ‘Go show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. <sup>15</sup>One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, ‘Praise God!’ <sup>16</sup>He fell to the ground at Jesus’ feet, thanking Him for what He had done. This man was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Jesus asked, ‘Didn’t I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup>Has no one returned to **give glory to God** except this foreigner?’ <sup>19</sup>And Jesus said to the man, ‘Stand up and go. Your faith has **healed** you.’” Luke 17:14-19 (NLT)*

**Thankfulness (or lack of) reveals the true condition of our heart.**

**Thankfulness can change your eternity.**