



## Pastor's Comments

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### God Responds To Thanks

God responds to those who thank Him for all He has done. In 2 Chronicles 5:13-14, we see how God responded to those who were giving Him thanks—He filled the temple with His presence! *"It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD...that then the house was filled with a cloud...for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God."* At times, our congregation has sensed the glory of the presence of the Lord like this in response to our singing of praise and thanks to Him. Such times are almost too glorious to explain in words.

The Bible commands, *"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you"* (1 Thess. 5:18). When we obey Him and do His will giving Him the thanks that rightly belongs to Him, we can expect a **blessed response** from Him.

In Luke 17:11-19 we read that one of ten lepers Jesus healed returned *"and with a loud voice glorified God...giving him thanks."* Jesus expected thanks of all of them asking, *"where are the nine?"* Then **He responded to the one who gave Him thanks** by saying, *"thy faith hath made thee whole."* They were all cleansed from their leprosy, but **the one that gave Him thanks was made whole**—evidently, the body parts affected by leprosy were miraculously restored!

In one of our church services years ago, a woman who had a lump on her wrist and could not close her hand, was healed while we were singing. When I saw her moving her hand with a look of astonishment on her face, I asked her what had happened. She told me that the lump had shrunk down and she was miraculously able to close her hand! The chorus we were singing was, "I will bless thee O Lord, I will bless thee O Lord. **With a heart of thanksgiving**, I will bless thee O Lord."

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