



ALTAPASS ALLEGORIES

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Recently, while reading my Bible again, I read the account of the healing of the ten lepers in Luke 17: 11-19. Everyone knows how ten were healed and only one was grateful enough to thank Jesus. It makes you wonder what the other nine were thinking. What were their excuses? These could have been used:

1. I gotta get home and plow before it rains.
2. My wife told me to hurry home or she would throw my supper out.
3. I heard there was gonna be a big sheep sale today.
4. I wanted to see that donkey race today.
5. Jesus told me to show myself to the priest and if the priest leaves for the day then what will I do?
6. After I see the priest, I want to go to the temple to show off my smooth skin.
7. I don't have to hang out with these ol' lepers anymore. I can go where I want and see everything I've been missing.
8. I hear the fishing is good right now. You'll find me down on the Sea of Galilee if you want me.
9. I'll need a whole new wardrobe now. I'll go down to the market place and shop. Boy, won't I look great!

Only one looked at his hands and arms, stopped in his tracks, and turned back. I can imagine the tears began to flow as he returned to thank Jesus for loving and healing a bunch of filthy ol' lepers.

Does the attitude of any one of these lepers bring to mind that we might forget to thank our Lord for His special blessings?