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Do you...

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Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

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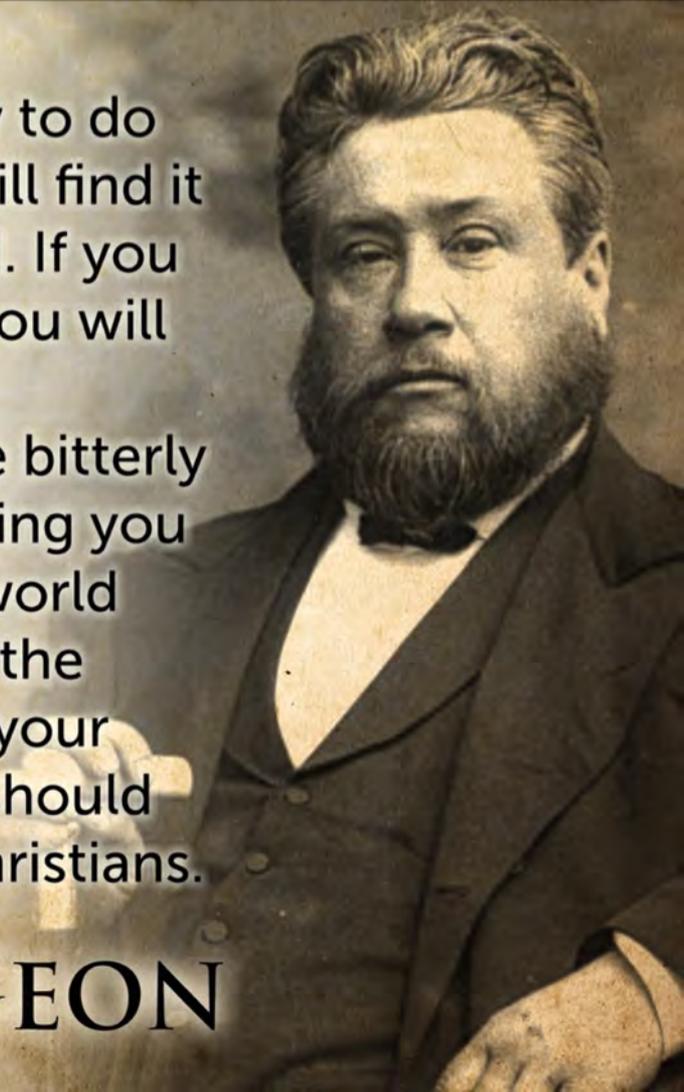
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Gratitude is a very rare thing. If any of you try to do good for the sake of getting gratitude, you will find it one of the most profitless trades in the world. If you can do good, expecting to be abused for it, you will get your reward; but if you do good, with an expectation of gratitude in return, you will be bitterly disappointed. If anybody is grateful for anything you do, be surprised at it, for it is the way of the world generally to be ungrateful; the more you do, the more you may do; and when you have done your best, your friend will forget it. Alas! that this should be true, in a spiritual sense, with regard to Christians.

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John 4:7-9

7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

9 The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

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Luke 9:52-54

52 And Jesus sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; 53 but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. 54 When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?"

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Leviticus 13:45-46

45 “ Anyone with such a defiling disease must wear torn clothes, let their hair be unkempt, cover the lower part of their face and cry out, ‘Unclean! Unclean!’ 46 As long as they have the disease they remain unclean. They must live alone; they must live outside the camp.”

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Leviticus 14:1-3

1 The Lord said to Moses, 2 “These are the regulations for any diseased person at the time of their ceremonial cleansing, when they are brought to the priest: 3 The priest is to go outside the camp and examine them.”

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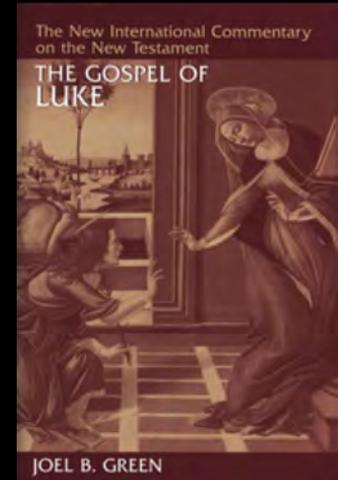
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Jews are not the only ones who qualify for God's messianic blessings; outsiders may receive the benefits of salvation and, indeed, may prove to be more discerning about Jesus' identity and role within the divine plan than Jewish insiders. Salvation comes to this former leper apart from normal concerns with physical ancestry and religious purity.

~Joel Green, New International Commentary of the New Testament , The Gospel of Luke



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Praising and Thanking!

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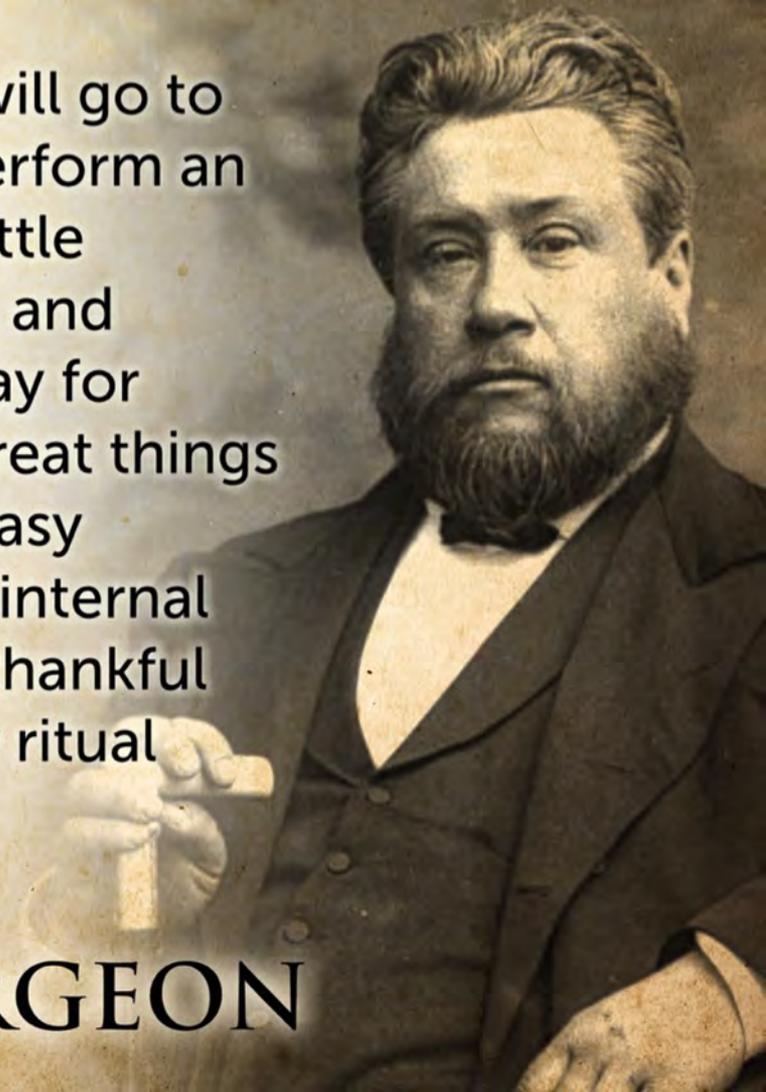
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So to-day—you will go to church, you will go to chapel, you will read a book, you will perform an outward religious action: but oh, how little praising God, how little lying at his feet, and feeling that we could sing our souls away for gratitude to him who hath done such great things for us! External religious exercises are easy enough, and common enough; but the internal matter, the drawing out of the heart in thankful love, how scarce a thing it is! Nine obey ritual where only one praises the Lord.

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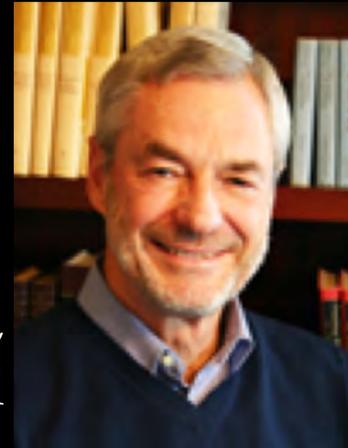
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There is a deadly problem here – God was not the center of their gratitude. Note Jesus’ final question: “Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” (v. 18). Only the foreigner, the Samaritan, gave praise to God! Jesus’ words were clear: only the Samaritan who returned to praise God and offer thanksgiving to Christ himself had saving faith. Indeed, his gratitude and praise to God were signs of his saving faith.

~ R. Kent Hughes, Luke: That You May Know the Truth,
Preaching the Word

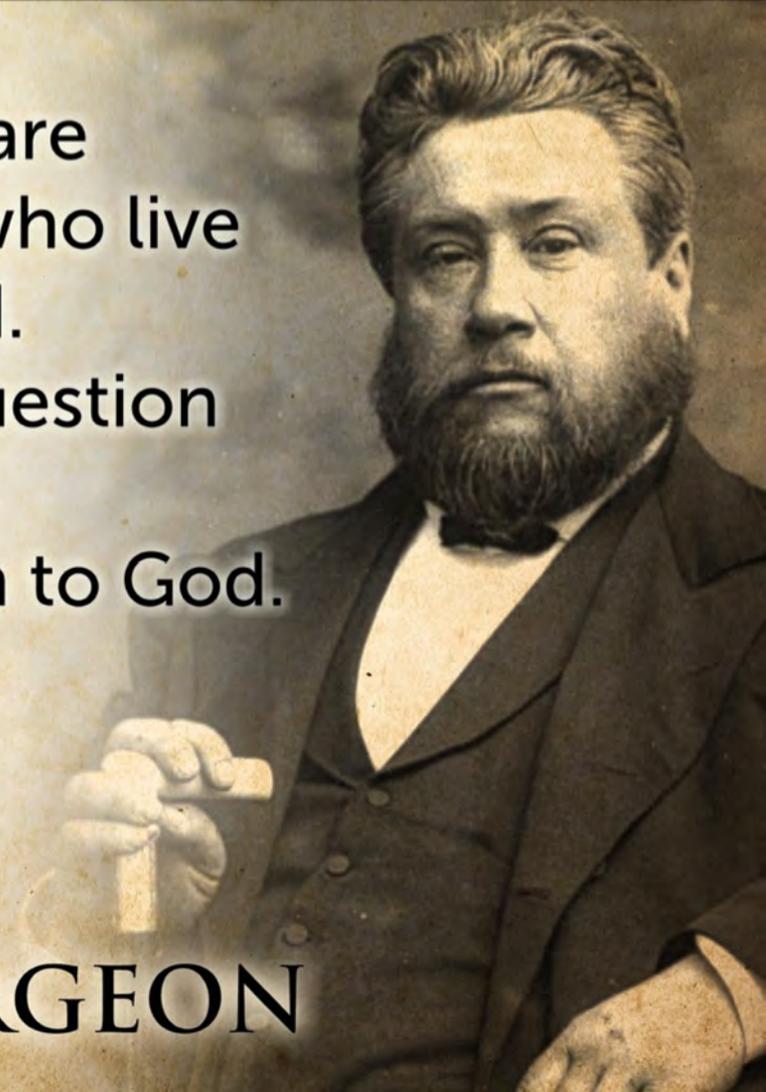


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Gospel application

Am I not addressing some who are doing nothing for Christ? Men who live upon God, but never live to God. "Where are the nine?" Let the question provoke you to weep over your ingratitude, and lead you to turn to God.

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Questions from Spurgeon to consider:

- Do you pray more than praise?
 - Do you attend worship more than actually worship?
- Do you believe more than you praise?