

Sermon Study Guide



“Hello...God” Series

#3: When God Answers “YES”

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In this 4-part sermon series, we examine how we respond to God’s answer to our prayers.

Reflect

- How many times has God answered “yes” to your prayer requests? What “yes” from the Lord would you never forget?
- Being thankful is a way of life. Do you have a lifestyle that naturally remembers to thank and appreciate God for His blessings in your life?

Read and Discuss

Read Luke 17:11-19.

1. **Background (v. 11-12).** Whom did Jesus meet on his way to Jerusalem? How serious was leprosy during the time of Jesus? Why did the men that Jesus met plead for mercy? What did Jesus ask them to do to test their faith? What is your attitude when you come to God in prayer? What does James 4 verses 6 and 10 say should be your attitude when you come to the Lord?
2. Three things we need to remember when God answers yes:
 - a. **Remember to glorify God (v. 15).** How did one of the ten lepers show his gratitude to Jesus after he was healed? How do you react when God answers your prayer with a “yes?” What does it mean to glorify God? How does giving back all the glory to God keep you from focusing on self-love and self-centeredness? When should you glorify God with your life, according to 1 Corinthians 10:31.
 - b. **Remember to thank the Lord (v. 16-18).** How did the returning leper thank Jesus? How do you express your gratitude to God? Why is giving thanks to God so important according to 1 Thessalonians 5:18? What happens if you don’t have a thankful heart?

Why is being accustomed to God’s blessings dangerous? How did Jesus react to the 9 lepers who did not return after they were healed? How does your enthusiasm to thank God when He answers “yes” correlate to the passion of your pleading for the request you wanted to be answered?

- c. **Remember to walk closer to Jesus (v. 19).** What was Jesus’ instruction to the leper who had a thankful heart and attitude? How does an answer to a fervent prayer request draw you closer to God? What do you do to make you closer to Him?

Respond

In Walk: When God answers “yes” your prayer requests, remember to glorify God, thank the Lord and walk closer to Jesus. God’s “yes” to your prayers should remind you of a merciful and gracious God who loves you. What are the tangible ways you can express your thankfulness to God? How should His past yeses encourage you in your needs right now?

In Prayer: Heavenly Father, indeed You don’t only answer with a “no” or “wait” to our prayers; many times Your answer is “yes.” Help us to always be in awe of how You provide for our needs and bless us in our endeavors. Help us not to be accustomed to Your blessings nor feel so entitled that we end up taking Your blessings for granted. Please give us a grateful heart so that when You bless us we would respond with a humble attitude and glorify You in our lives. In Jesus’ name. Amen.