LORD I THANK YOU

Luke 17:17 KJV

[17] And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

        There were twenty five of us who had gathered to go to the mountains for a vacation.  My siblings and I wanted to spend a vacation together since our mother had passed just four months before and our dad four years before her passing.  Most of our family had gathered this morning at a central location to leave and felt we needed to ask the Lord to watch over us and protect us as we traveled up there.  We did have a time of prayer.  We left in a caravan of seven vehicles.  We traveled U S highways, interstates, city streets, county roads, and pig trails; ate at food marts, truck stops and restaurants.  None of us had an accident or got sick (other than a little car sick).  God is so good!

        He is so good.  Sometimes, though, we are so thoughtless and thankless.  We arrived at our destination, unpacked our luggage and put up our groceries.  The smaller kids headed for the game room and the pool.  We older folks found the rockers on the porch and were relaxing, taking in the beautiful mountain view.  Still, I had not thanked God for keeping us safe and sound over three hundred miles of travel.  When I realized my great lack of gratitude, I bowed my head and thanked God for his gracious, protecting hand that brought us safely to our destination.

         You see too many times, I would say most of the time; I have been one of the other nine who never took time to express to God my appreciation for his helping, healing and general care taking for me.  The Lord is worthy of all my praise.  May I ever be grateful for God’s goodness toward me and mine!  I have been given too much to not be thankful; too many blessings to not pause and look toward heaven with a grateful heart; experienced too many miracles to not give God glory and praise!  I shared with someone recently that I am 62 years old and I feel better than I have felt in 10 years.  Am I blessed or what?  Glory to God!! Praise His Wonderful Name!  May I never forget His manifold blessings toward me!

Yours in Christ,

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