

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"Unreserved Faith"
Luke 18:18-30
Study-75

Context - Luke 18 The Disciples Call To Radical Faith
Verses 15-17 Children Illustrate How To Enter The Kingdom:
Verses 18-30 The Rich Ruler Shows Us How Not To Enter The Kingdom!

Passage recorded in 3 Gospels. **Matthew 19:16-26; Mark 10:17-27;**
Luke 18:18-27

The Thought Of Our Passage: "Persons Can Be Outwardly Correct But Inwardly Wrong, Sin Is An Inner Attitude Not Merely An Open Act"

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1. Verses 18-23 The Encounter:

Luke 18:18 A ruler Context – Verses 15-17 Jesus has just received children that were brought to Him from their parents. The disciples tried to hinder them. Jesus used the children as examples of **(Salvation by grace, being like a child, receiving like a child) Luke 18:17**

A ruler term "*denotes Roman, and Jewish officials of all kinds*" (Religious or Civil Magistrate)

Matthew 19:20 young man literally "*one in the prime of life*" Rulers were generally not young; this young man must have been a shining star.

Mark 10:17 a man Matthew 19:22 one who owned much property.
Luke 18:23 he was extremely rich.

Called "The Rich Young Ruler" He was affluent and powerful. Self-made man, opposite of a helpless child!

This Man Was Earnest: Mark 10:17 ran up to Him - this was not proper in Jewish culture; a wealthy respected person does not run up!
(**Luke 15** Father ran!)

This Man Came in Reverence: Mark 10:17 and knelt before Him,

This Man Came To The Right Source: to Him - He came to the right place.

saying "Good Teacher, "good internally, virtuous, good to the core, a deep kind of inherent goodness" **John 3:1** This was not proper to ever call a rabbi or another good because it was reserved for God alone.

Psalm 107:1

Humbly Admits His Ignorance/Emptiness: what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He admits his ignorance as to how to get to heaven, emptiness!

A Superficial View of Salvation: what shall I do – Greek aorist tense - "One good thing" Salvation is based upon what God has done.

John 6:28-29

Had An Elevated View Of Man: (Works versus faith) Romans 3:10

Had A Superficial View Of Sin: Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death,

Luke 18:19 No one is good except God alone. Psalm 86:5 For You, Lord, are good,

Did he mean "good" (*agathos*) in the absolute sense as applied to God? Jesus here is trying to draw his faith out! **John 8:23-24**

What a person believes about Jesus is the heart of Salvation!

Luke 18:20 "You know the commandments, Matthew 19:18 "Which ones?"

Jesus wants this young man to see his insufficient goodness.

Exodus 20:12-17 Jesus gives to the young man 5 of the last 6 commandments. **1-4 Responsibility Towards God, 5-10 Responsibility Towards Man.**

Exodus 20:17; Leviticus 18:5

Luke 18:21 And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." The Man Was Moral But Had A Shallow View Of The Law -

Had a Superficial View of The Law: We are Condemned by the Law not Justified! Romans 7:7-8; Galatians 3:24

Matthew 19:20 "All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?"

Luke 18:22 When Jesus heard this, He said to him Mark 10:21 And looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him,

"One thing you still lack" *What is that one thing in your life that is keeping you from receiving Jesus?*

sell all that you possess, and distribute it to the poor, Exodus 20:3
"You shall have no other gods before Me. The 1st Commandment.

and you shall have treasure in heaven; had possessions as the god of his life.

and come, follow Me." come follow after me. Forsake other gods, I will be your God!

What is Jesus saying?

All who desire to follow Him must take "The Vow of Poverty?"

Was Jesus commending a life of Asceticism?

Luke 18:23 he became very sad; his countenance fell somber, gloomy, like a lowering cloud. **"Remorse but not Repentance" "Conviction but not Conversion"**

for he was extremely rich. Matthew - said that he owned much property.

Galatians 5:14 This man was not as good as he thought! **Luke 8:14**

2. Verses 24-30 The Explanation:

Luke 18:24 And Jesus looked at him and said, (Mark) And Jesus, looking around, said to His disciples, this scene every eye is on him, so Jesus looks at His disciples.

The Jews regarded wealth as a token of God's special favor.

"One of the hard sayings of Jesus." "How hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God! - He is speaking about those that have more than their needs met. Paraphrased not just material "man of privilege" a professor, a doctor, a lawyer, a nurse, a teacher, a businessman, a Pastor.

***Riches enslave* -** The person becomes attached to the material things.

***Riches perverts' values* -** We can begin to know more about prices than values.

***Riches keeps us from being helpless* -** we start to depend less on Jesus

***Riches keeps us from being teachable* -** We have a false sense of worth

to enter the kingdom of God! Because of what riches can do to the soul

Luke 18:25 "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle Jerusalem there was a main gate and next to it was a sub-gate called the "Needles Eye."

Jesus uses Hyperbole the Greek word for needle that literally means - "*the surgical needle*"

than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

Luke 18:26 They who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" They were out of their minds. This was all new to them.

Riches can keep us from being helplessness. Luke 16:13

Parable of the Rich man and Lazarus – **Luke 12:13-21;**
1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19

Luke 18:27 Looking upon them, Jesus said, He looked around again to see the reaction of what the disciples were doing and thinking.

"**The things impossible with people are possible with God.**" It is an impossible situation with those that have riches but with God it is possible.

Luke 18:28 Peter said, he was spokesman as usual.

"**Behold, we have left our own homes, and followed You.**" Have we passed the test? (We did not have riches, but we gave our all!)

Luke 18:29 And He said to them, "Truly I say to you, we need to pay attention.

Luke 18:30 who will not receive many times as much at this time We receive a spiritual family here and now. Still possible that our earthly will become spiritual.

and in the age to come, eternal life." The outcome is eternity with Jesus.

Application:

1. Do I See Myself Utterly Lost Without Jesus Christ? My Failure To Obey The Outward Following Of The Law But Also My Sinful Inward Attitudes.
2. Do I See Jesus Christ As The Only One Who Is Truly Good? When We See Jesus As The Only One Who Is Good, Good Works Are Eliminated As A Means To Salvation:.

3. The Man Went Away Grieved, There Is A Danger Of Mere Remorse Without Repentance, Or Experiencing Conviction But Never Being Converted.
4. The Disciple Who Gives Their All In Following Jesus Is Promised By Jesus Many Times Over In This Life And In The Age To Come, Eternal Life.