

Series "The God Who Serves"
"The Poor Rich Man"
Mark 10:17-22
Study-38

This account is often referred to as "The Rich Young Ruler" or "The Great Refusal."

Romans 3:10-11

"It's possible for a person to be outwardly correct but inwardly wrong; basic sin is in the inner attitude, not merely in the overt act."

This account must be important because it is recorded in the first 3 Gospels – Matt 19:16-26; Mark 10:17-27; Luke 18:18-27

Mark 9:14-10:52 – Lessons For Discipleship: Critical Instruction for the training of His disciples. Mark 10:17-22 – Lesson On How To Deal With A Shallow Seeker.

The Thought Of Our Passage: "Person Can Be Outwardly Correct But Inwardly Wrong, Sin Is An Inner Attitude Not Merely A Overt Act."

- 1. Verse 17 – The Man**
- 2. Verses 18-21 – The Master**
- 3. Verse 22 – The Error**

1. Verse 17 – The Man:

Mark 10:17

"And" – Context – Jesus is traveling south to Jerusalem, Mark 10:1.

Mark 10:1-12 – Jesus was baited with a question by the Pharisees regarding divorce.

Mark 10:13-16 – Jesus speaks about children belonging to Him. Mark 10:15

"as He was setting out on a journey," – Mark 10:32

"a man" – That's all Mark calls him, "a man"; Matthew says, Matt 19:20 – "young man", literally "one in the prime of life", Matt 19:22 – one who owned much property. Luke 18:18 – "a certain ruler", Luke 18:23 – he was extremely rich.

This Man Was Earnest: "ran up to Him" – Matthew 19:16 – "And behold, one came to Him."

This Man Is Reverent: "and knelt before Him,"

This Man Came To The Right Source: "to Him"

1 John 5:20

This Man Admits He Is Clueless: "and began asking Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

"Good Teacher," – "good internally, virtuous, good to the core, a deep kind of inherent goodness."

Gospels reveal 3 questions this man asks Jesus:

1st Question: "what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" "What do I do to take possession of salvation?" It's about salvation. Eternal life equals salvation.

The Man Had A Shallow View Of Salvation – "what shall I do" – (Aorist tense – "One good thing")

John 6:28-29

The Man Had A Shallow View Of Man – Romans 3:10

The Man Had A Shallow View Of Sin – Romans 6:23

2. Verses 18-21 – The Master:

Mark 10:18

"Why do you call Me good?" – (Jesus Does Not Answer His Question)

Did he mean "good" in the absolute sense as applied to God?

No one is good except God alone. Jesus redefines that word; Most misapplied word.

Ps. 14:3

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

Mark 10:19

Matt 19:18 – “He said to Him, “Which ones?”

2nd Question: “He said to Him, “Which ones?”

Exodus 20:12-16

Jesus wants this young man to see his great need of salvation! We are Condemned by the Law, not Justified!

Leviticus 18:5

Rom. 3:20

Ezekiel 33:15

Romans 3:19-20

Romans 7:7-8

Gal. 3:24

Mark 10:20

The Man Was Moral But Had A Shallow View Of The Law – He thought of the Law as being merely external.

Ignorance of the Law, and ignorance of the Gospel usually go together!

Isaiah 64:6

Matt 5:27-28

Matt 19:20

3rd Question: “what am I still lacking?”

Mark 10:21

Luke 19:41

“One thing you lack:” – Luke 18:22 – “One thing you still lack”

You don't get saved by lowering your bank account. You get saved when you get rid of your idol and you embrace the true God.

Ex. 20:3 – "You shall have no other gods before Me."

3. Verse 22 – The Error:

Mark 10:22

"fell" – describes "a storm that is building, gloomy, lowering face."

Gal 5:14

Luke 18:24

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. Ex. 20:3 – "You shall have no other gods before Me." This Rich Man Placed The False god Of Earthly Wealth, And Temporal Satisfaction As god, Thus Making Himself His Own god.
4. "The Man Went Away Grieved," – There Is A Danger Of Mere Remorse Without Repentance, Or Experiencing Conviction But Never Being Converted.