

Matt 19:21-28 Week 59

Called, Chosen, Confused

Matt 19:21 Jesus answered him, If you would be perfect [that is, have that spiritual maturity which accompanies self-sacrificing character], go and sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven; and come, be My disciple [side with My party and follow Me]. 22 But when the young man heard this, he went away sad (grieved and in much distress), for he had great possessions. 23 And Jesus said to His disciples, Truly I say to you, it will be difficult for a rich man to get into the kingdom of heaven. 24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to go into the kingdom of heaven. 25 When the disciples heard this, they were utterly puzzled (astonished, bewildered), saying, Who then can be saved [from eternal death]? 26 But Jesus looked at them and said, With men this is impossible, but all things are possible with God. [Gen 18:14; Job 42:2.] 27 Then Peter answered Him, saying, Behold, we have left [our] all and have become Your disciples [sided with Your party and followed You]. What then shall we receive? 28 Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you, in the new age [the Messianic rebirth of the world], when the Son of Man shall sit down on the throne of His glory, you who have [become My disciples, sided with My party and] followed Me will also sit on Twelve thrones and judge the Twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And anyone and everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands for My name's sake will receive many [even a hundred] times more and will inherit eternal life. 30 But many who [now] are first will be last [then], and many who [now] are last will be first [then].

- The rich young ruler came to Jesus seeking eternal life, but the barriers of his self-centeredness and self-_____ stood in the way of his receiving it.
 - Whoever wants anything more than Christ will _____ Christ. You cannot have God, your way, or get God to submit to your will.
- I. He first focuses on what might be called the “_____ of riches” (vv. 23-26)
- Our Lord gave this young man a _____. There is a big difference between being a _____ of Christ and a believer.
 - He was not willing to admit what he *did* have and needed to be rid of, namely_____.
 - He believed his destiny was in his _____, and that if his lot were to improve it would have to be by his own _____.
 - All he wanted from Jesus was another _____, another _____, another rite or ceremony by which he could complete his religious obligations and make himself acceptable to God.

So what is the poverty of riches?

- It is impossible for man, in his own _____, relying on what he has or what he has done, to win _____ with God.
- The rich tend to have a _____ security in their riches.
- An attitude of _____ plagues the rich.

II. Man also has the riches of _____ (vv. 27-29).

- His new-found generosity was the _____ that he was truly saved.

Ok, what's in it for us?

1. We have _____ with the son of God.
2. We have direct line to God in _____.
3. We have the _____ to direct us in our daily living.
4. We have _____ and the ability to forgive.
5. We have every _____ supplied for every situation of life.
6. We have the ability to make a _____ in other people's lives.

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What does that mean?

You cannot trust human estimates about who is first or last, greatest or least. I imagine at the judgment seat of Christ those who thought they did a lot for God may come up quite short. Those who were humble servants will receive rewards.