

Providence, Repentance And Salvation ①

Luke 19:1-10

Intro. **A.** Probably the first thing we should do is to sing the Zacchaeus song. (politically incorrect)

1. Remember, he is or was a "wee little man".
2. Tunes and memories of VBS and S.S. will come to mind.
3. That's O.K. We are helped by these.

B. There are larger issues involved.

Vs. 9 1. What is this salvation Jesus speaks about?

Vs. 10 2. Is this the only mission of Jesus?

3. What does being a son of Abraham mean?

4. What practical lessons may we learn?

I. Jesus And Zacchaeus, Chance OR Choice?

out: **A.** Some say everything happens by chance.

1. Every encounter is "just the way things turn"
2. This is accomplished by fate.
3. Others may say it is luck, good or bad.

B. Some say everything happens by a plan.

1. Pagans, the Gods planned it all.
2. Calvinists say God predestined it all.

C. Some say everything happens by choice.

1. God sets events in motion according to His plan.
2. Men must act or react to these events by exercising their will.

III. Zachaeus And Salvation.

2.

A. Zachaeus showed repentance.

- vs. 6 1. He was glad to see Jesus.
vs. 8 2. He offered to right any wrongs.
3. He would follow the law of Moses.

B. Salvation came to his house.

- vs. 9 1. This was not "household" salvation.
2. "salvation" = σωτηρια = "safety", "preservation",
"delivered from the consequences of sin!"
3. Salvation is more than being born again.
Our influence, our bodies, our energy our future is all
a part of being saved.
4. "a son of Abraham" This means that Jesus
recognized His Father's will. He was sent to the,
"lost sheep of the House of Israel", Matt 10:6.

C. The mission of Jesus.

- vs. 10 1. This was only a part of His work.
2. Jesus established His church.
3. He instituted ordinances.
4. He commissioned His church.

IV. Have you Responded To Life's Events According To Truth And God's Will?

A. Examine your life.

1. Parents, good and bad.
2. Religious opportunities.

B. Have you responded correctly?

1. Received the truth gladly?
2. Repented scripturally?