

What Shall I Do To Inherit Eternal Life? ①

LUKE 18:18-30

Intro. **A.** This is the most important question that any person has ever asked.

1. The question is indeed important.
2. The answer is more important.
3. The question is single and the answer is single.

B. This dialogue concerns two men.

1. One is a son of Adam, a dying man.
2. One is the Son of God who will die for him.

C. The answer is not stated plainly.

1. The answer is found in the instructions.
2. Only in following the instructions of Jesus will this man find the answer.
3. In following Jesus he would learn the "Rest of the story". Vs. 31-34.
4. This obscuring of the mission of Christ is no longer needed. Acts 16:30-31.

I. The Question Put To Jesus.

A. Who was this man? Who questioned Him?

- Vs. 18a
1. He was a Jew.
 2. He was a ruler of a synagogue.

B. The question he asked.

Vs. 18b 1. "Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life".

2. "inherit" = κληρονομέω = "to be a receiver of a portion, to receive a share of an inheritance".

6. The sorrowful man. (2)
περίλυτος = "totally surrounded in grief" "consumed in grief"
Vs. 23 7. He was very rich. (had a lot of property)

E. The Kingdom of God and great wealth.
Vs. 24 1. Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful.
2. "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the Kingdom of God"!
δύσκολος = "hard to please" "discontented, difficult to please".
The rich man would have been highly agitated by the humbling demands of the Kingdom. (see Vs. 17.)
Vs. 25 3. The illustration Jesus used. (Camel, Needle)

II. The Confusion of His Hearers..

A. The problem they saw.
Vs. 26 1. Here is a Ruler of the Synagogue.
2. He is pious and obedient.
3. He is exceedingly wealthy.
4. All of these were to them signs of God's blessings upon the man.
5. If such a person as this was not saved who could be! The only other people were poor.

B. The answer of Jesus.
Vs. 27 1. "The things which are impossible with men".
2. Redemption, New birth, forgiveness, etc.
ἀδύνατος = "deficient in strength or power", "unable"
3. "...are possible with God".
δυνατός = "strong", "having inherent power", "able to affect"
4. God will and can do for us all the things that we need for Him to do in order for us to be saved.