

THE DISCIPLES REWARD MATT 19:27-30 11/25/18

IN THE PREVIOUS VERSES JESUS HAD TOLD THE RICH YOUNG RULER TO GO AND SELL ALL THAT HE HAD AND COME AND FOLLOW HIM AND HE HAD GONE AWAY GRIEVING FOR HE OWNED MUCH PROPERTY MATT 19:22

MATT 19:23-24 JESUS SAYS TO HIS DISCIPLES TRULY I SAY TO YOU IT IS HARD FOR A RICH MAN TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AND AGAIN HE SAYS IT IS EASIER FOR A CAMEL TO GO THROUGH THE EYE OF A NEEDLE THAN FOR A RICH MAN TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

MATT 19:25-26 AND WHEN THE DISCIPLES HEARD THIS THEY WERE ASTONISHED AND SAID THEN WHO CAN BE SAVED AND JESUS ANSWERS THEM WITH PEOPLE THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE BUT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

SALVATION IS A GIFT FROM GOD IT IS NOT THE WORK OF MAN BUT OF GOD EPH 2:4-10 WE ARE VESSELS OF HIS MERCY AND HE HAS MERCY ON WHOM HE HAS MERCY ROM 9:15-16

MATT 19:27 THEN PETER SAYS TO HIM BEHOLD WE HAVE LEFT EVERYTHING AND FOLLOWED YOU WHAT THEN WILL THERE BE FOR US THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THE DISCIPLES HAD DONE

THE RICH YOUNG RULER DID NOT LEAVE HIS POSSESSIONS BUT HIS DISCIPLES HAD THEY WERE NOT TRUSTING IN THEIR WEALTH SURELY GOD WOULD BLESS THEM

THE LORD EXPLAINED THAT THERE WOULD BE A RENEWAL OF ALL THINGS THE KINGDOM WOULD COME WHEN THE SON OF MAN WILL SIT ON HIS GLORIOUS THRONE MATT 25:31 THE DISCIPLES WILL HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE IN THE KINGDOM SITTING ON THRONES AND JUDGING THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL REV 21:12-14

V29 ALL WHO LEAVE THEIR HOMES AND RELATIVES FOR THE LORD'S SAKE WILL RECEIVE MANY TIMES AS MUCH AND WILL INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE THEY WILL BE MORE THEN COMPENSATED FOR THEIR SACRIFICES GOD IS MERCIFUL

V30 BUT MANY WHO ARE FIRST WILL BE LAST AND THE LAST FIRST WHILE IT MIGHT APPEAR THAT THEY ARE GIVING EVERYTHING UP NOW AND ARE THE LAST THEY WILL BE GIVEN EVERYTHING ETERNALLY AND WILL BE FIRST

COMPARED TO THE RICH YOUNG RULER WHO APPEARED TO HAVE EVERYTHING NOW BEING FIRST WILL DISCOVER ONE DAY THAT HE HAS LOST EVERYTHING HE WILL BE LAST

THE MISSIONARY JIM ELLIOT SAID HE IS NO FOOL WHO GIVES UP WHAT HE CANNOT KEEP TO GAIN WHAT HE CANNOT LOSE EVERYTHING HERE IS ONLY TEMPORARY WE ARE ARE TO INVEST IN ETERNITY SEEKING FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS MATT 6:33

ETERNAL REWARDS FAR OUT WAY THE TEMPORARY BLESSINGS OF THIS LIFE WE ARE TO KEEP OUR EYES ON ETERNITY AND NOT GET CAUGHT UP IN THE TEMPORARY THINGS OF THIS LIFE

JESUS PUT IT LIKE THIS MATT 16:26 FOR WHAT WILL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE GAINS THE WHOLE WORLD AND FORFEITS HIS SOUL OR WHAT WILL A MAN GIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS SOUL

ONLY THE LORD CAN GIVE YOU THE WISDOM TO SEE AND UNDERSTAND THIS TRUTH THAT YOU MIGHT INVEST YOUR LIFE IN THE THINGS THAT ARE ETERNAL RATHER THEN TEMPORAL WITH PEOPLE THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE BUT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

1TIM 6:6-9 FOR WE HAVE BROUGHT NOTHING INTO THIS WORLD SO WE CANNOT TAKE ANYTHING OUT OF IT EITHER IF WE HAVE FOOD AND COVERING WITH THESE WE SHALL BE CONTENT

IF GOD HAS HAD MERCY ON YOU AND GRANTED TO YOU THE WISDOM THAT LEADS TO SALVATION THANK HIM FOR HIS MERCY TOWARD YOU THAT HE HAS NOT LEFT YOU TO YOURSELF