

V16 AND SOMEONE CAME TO JESUS AND SAID TEACHER WHAT GOOD THING SHALL I DO THAT I MAY OBTAIN ETERNAL LIFE HE HAD COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE AND HE WAS TALKING TO THE RIGHT PERSON

V17 AND JESUS SAID TO HIM WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME ABOUT WHAT IS GOOD THERE IS ONLY ONE WHO IS GOOD WHAT JESUS IS EMPHASIZING HIS OWN DEITY HE IS SAYING EITHER I AM GOOD OR I AM NOT GOD HE WANTED THE YOUNG MAN TO REALIZE THAT HE WAS DEALING WITH GOD AND NOT A MERE TEACHER OF THE LAW

BUT IF YOU WISH TO ENTER INTO LIFE KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS CHRIST TOLD HIM TO KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS NOT THAT THE COMMANDMENT SAVES BUT BECAUSE WE MUST BE CONVICTED BY THE COMMANDMENTS BEFORE WE FEEL THE NEED TO BE SAVED BY GRACE

THIS YOUNG MAN KNEW THE LAW AND THE LAW HAD SERVED AS A TUTOR TO BRING HIM TO CHRIST GAL 3:24 NOW THE LAW WAS SERVING AS A MIRROR JAMES 1:22-25 TO SHOW THE YOUNG MAN HIS REAL NEED IF HE REALLY TRIED TO OBEY GOD'S LAW THE MAN WOULD DISCOVER HOW SINFUL HE WAS

V18-19 THEN HE SAYS TO JESUS WHICH ONES YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY YOU SHALL NOT STEAL YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER AND YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF

THESE WERE THE COMMANDMENTS CONCERNING HIS LOVE FOR MAN JESUS HAD NOT LISTED THE FIRST FIVE COMMANDMENTS CONCERNING HIS LOVE FOR GOD EXODUS 20:3 IN PARTICULAR YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME HIS WEALTH BEING HIS GOD BUT HE WOULD NOT ADMIT IT JESUS KNOWS HIS HEART

V20 THE YOUNG MAN SAID ALL OF THESE I HAVE KEPT WHAT AM I STILL LACKING HE KNEW SOMETHING WAS MISSING

V21 JESUS REVEALS HIS HEART TO HIM IF YOU WISH TO BE COMPLETE GO AND SELL YOUR POSSESSIONS AND GIVE TO THE POOR AND YOU WILL HAVE TREASURE IN HEAVEN AND COME FOLLOW ME

V22 BUT WHEN THE YOUNG MAN HEARD THIS STATEMENT HE WENT AWAY GRIEVING FOR HE WAS ONE WHO OWNED MUCH PROPERTY AND THAT WAS HIS GOD

CHRIST TOLD THE SINFUL WOMAN AT THE WELL TO CALL HER HUSBAND AND THIS COMMAND BROUGHT HER TO THE PLACE OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE SAD TO SAY THE YOUNG RULER WOULD NOT CONFESS HIS SIN OR CHANGE HIS MIND HE WENT AWAY SAD 1TIM 6:6-10 THE WOMAN IN JOHN 4 WENT AWAY REJOICING

V23-24 THEN JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES TRULY I SAY TO YOU IT IS HARD FOR A RICH MAN TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IT IS EASIER FOR A CAMEL TO GO THROUGH THE EYE OF A NEEDLE THEN FOR A RICH MAN TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD

JESUS USED THE LARGEST ANIMAL IN THAT REGION AND THE SMALLEST OPENING TO MAKE HIS POINT THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE

V25 WHEN THE DISCIPLES HEARD THIS THEY WERE VERY ASTONISHED AND SAID THEN WHO CAN BE SAVED THEY WERE SAYING IF A RICH MAN CAN'T BE SAVED THEN WHO CAN BE SAVED THE STILL BELIEVED THE JEWISH IDEA THAT RICHES MEANT THE BLESSINGS OF GOD ON YOUR LIFE

V26 THEN JESUS LOOKING AT THEM SAYS WITH PEOPLE THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE BUT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE THERE IS NO GOOD THING YOU CAN DO TO SAVE YOURSELF JESUS HAS TO SHOW YOU YOUR SIN AND GRANT YOU REPENTANCE THAT YOU MIGHT BE SAVED