

LUKE 18 (V. 18-43)
LESSON 37



LUKE 18:18-30

What are these verses about?

- ❖ A ruler asked Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life. He had kept the commandments all his life, but not being willing to sell his possessions and give to the poor kept him from entering God's kingdom.

What's the contrast between the Ruler and the Children of the previous story in Luke 18:15-17.

- ❖ The meritless infants are offered the kingdom.
- ❖ The self-proclaimed Torah-righteous ruler is not offered the kingdom.

“Good teacher,” the ruler asks, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

What do you think was his reason for his asking this question?

- ❖ He may have posed his question in hopes of being commended by Jesus.
- ❖ Based on his question, “What must I do”, places him in the:
 - ❖ Pharisaical Judaism, behavior leads to “the kingdom”.
 - ❖ His answer, “All these things I have kept from my youth”
 - ❖ Jesus teaches that faith (the knowledge of, trust in, and commitment to Jesus Christ) is required for salvation and entry into the kingdom.

Why did the Ruler call Jesus, “good”?

- ❖ Was the Ruler like the Pharisee in the previous parable (18:11–12), overconfident and disingenuous?
- ❖ Was he flattering and insincere toward Jesus?
- ❖ It is interesting that in for in Judaism, God or the Torah are rightly called “good”, but not rabbis.

Jesus then says, “Why do you call me good? No one is good—except God alone.”

❖ Jesus does not affirm his goodness but implies that his goodness is the goodness of God, the source of all goodness, working in him:

“The Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees the Father doing” (John 5:19).

What additional insight can you learn from these cross-references?

❖ Luke 14:33

❖ Mark 10:17-30

❖ Luke 8:11-15

❖ Luke 16:13-15

❖ Colossians 3:1, 5-7

❖ 1 Timothy 6:6-12, 17-19

What was the attitude of the Ruler in v.22-25?

❖ He valued his possessions too much.

According to Luke 18:15-30, in these verses the terms eternal life, kingdom of God, and being saved are all referring to the same thing.

What are you called to do in response and what should your attitude be?

What was the conversation between Jesus and His disciples in verses Luke 18:28-30?

- ❖ Peter said the disciples left everything to follow Jesus.
- ❖ Jesus responded with the promise that those who leave things of this life for the sake of the kingdom will be receive many more blessings in this age, and in eternal life.

To end this part of the discussion, what have you learned about the Son of Man and His kingdom, salvation, and eternal life?



LUKE 18:31-34

What are verses 31-34 about?

Jesus told His followers, disciples, what was about to happen to Him. But they still didn't understand.

- ❖ He would fulfill all written about the Son of Man in the Prophets.
- ❖ Handed over to Gentiles
- ❖ Mocked, mistreated / shamefully treated, spit on, scourged / flogged,
- ❖ Killed, and Rise again on the 3rd day

Compare this with Luke 9:22 with Luke 18:31-34.

Luke 9 tells what the Jews will do, and Luke 18 tells what the Gentiles will do to Jesus.

- ❖ He must suffer many things
- ❖ Be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes
- ❖ Be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

So why did the disciples have such a hard time grasping what was going to happen to Jesus?

There are additional verses in Luke where Jesus foretells of His death. So, this was not new information.

Luke 5:35, Luke 9:44-45, Luke 13:32-33, Luke 17:25

Why hide it from the disciples, but let us in today's age understand what he was going to do?



LUKE 18:35-43

How does this chapter end? What event? Where?

- ❖ Jesus and the disciples were approaching Jericho.
- ❖ A blind man called out to the Son of David to have mercy on him, and he didn't stop until he was brought to Jesus.
- ❖ Jesus asked the man what he wanted Him to do for him.
- ❖ Jesus told him that his faith made him well as He gave him his sight.
- ❖ The man began to follow Jesus and glorify God.

What key things have you learned about faith and what lessons for life have you learned from studying Luke 18?