



Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Lesson 18 – Luke 18

People — Who is involved:

Jesus is telling parables:

A widow seeking justice from an unjust judge.

A Pharisee and a humble publican.

Little children brought to Jesus.

A rich ruler

Peter conversing with Jesus.

A blind man who receives sight.

Places — Where does it happen?

Jesus was coming near Jericho, a city near the Jordan River east of Jerusalem (vs. 35)

Pearls — What information will help me to understand better?

Vs 1 – Jesus was not saying that it might be good to pray. “Ought” means it is “necessary” to pray.

Vs 3 – “Avenge” here means to vindicate, provide justice, protect from the other person’s wrong doing.

Vs 5 – The judge does not do the right thing because it is the right thing.

Vs 6 – This judge does not represent God. God does right because it is right; and because he loves us.

Vs 10 – Pharisees were notoriously hypocritical but looked upon themselves as the most righteous.

Tax-collectors were hated by the people. Notice who is the “hero” in this story.

Vs 12 – Jews were originally only required to fast on the Day of Atonement (Lev. 16:29-31; 23:27-32).

By Zechariah’s day, they had adopted a fasting day in the 4th, 5th, 7th, and 10th months (Zech 8:19)

Modern orthodox Jews have adopted at least six other annual days of fasting. A tithe is 10%.

Vs 15 – Jewish children were often brought to respected spiritual people to receive prayers and a blessing (see Luke 2:22-24; 36-38).

Vs 18 – Jesus is not saying a man cannot be “good” in any sense. He is saying only God is completely good in every way. He is also identifying Himself with God. If He is truly good, He is God.

Vs 20 – These commandments are from the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20).

Vs 22 – Jesus told the man to sell because his possessions were his passion. Serving others should be his passion. Jesus does not command all people to sell all. Nor does he promote communism.

Vs 25 – Jesus here uses an impossible situation to illustrate how trusting in riches keeps one from God.

Vs 31 – Jesus deliberately and courageously went to His terrible suffering in order to die for us.

Vs 32 – Scourging was brutally flogging a person with a whip.

Vs 38 – Calling Jesus the “Son of David” recognizes that He is the Messiah King sent by God.

Perspectives – What may I learn from this chapter?

1. *The Lord ultimately takes care of those who humbly trust in Him.*
2. *We should care for the poor and be willing to sacrifice our possessions to help them.*
3. *Jesus knew before his crucifixion that He would be abused and killed, but He did that for us nonetheless.*