

LEARNING WITH LUKE 19:1-10 “TIME FOR RECKONING” P. 1043 PEW BIBLE

Luke 19:8-10 - Zacchaeus stood and said “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Zacchaeus gives no mere profession of faith, as he clearly confesses his sins, publicly performs acts of repentance, and demonstrates a life transformed by Christ. He left his house unsaved, and returned as a saved son of God's kingdom.

1- POOR LITTLE RICH MAN - filthy rich

Luke 19:1-3 - chief sinner
Luke 5:27-32 - Levi's leaving
Luke 18:9-14 - humbled

We must never reckon anything little that concerns the soul. The ways by which the Holy Spirit leads people to Christ are wonderful and mysterious. In spiritual work, that beginning is often very small, but eternal. -JC Ryle

2- ZACCHAEUS CLIMBS UP - God calling

Luke 19:4-7 - divine appointment
John 6:35-40,43-45 - being drawn
John 3:3-8, Titus 3:3-8 - Holy Spirit
Eph 1:3-8, Rom 8:29-33, 9:6-28 - elect

Zacchaeus was in the tree not so that he would see Jesus, but so that Jesus would see him, whom He had known from before the foundation of the world, and issue His urgent divine imperative, to save him. -RC Sproul
Unasked, our Lord sends into the publican the renewing grace of the Spirit, putting him that very day among the children of God. Salvation is not of works, but of grace, and sinners will always give evidence of conversion. -JC Ryle

3- ZACCHAEUS STANDS TALL - his reckoning

Luke 19:8 - making restitution
Lev 6:1-5, Num 5:5-8, Ex 22:1-15 - law
Ex 20:1-21 - no other gods before Me
Luke 6:24, 12:20-21, 16:13, 18:24-25 - riches
Jn 8:39-40, Rm 2:28-29,4:1-25, Gal 3:13-14 - Abraham

No matter what pagan civil laws are being enforced in a land, God's Law is the supreme law to uphold. -J.McDermion
Zacchaeus shows that fruit which Pharisee and multitude alike refused to produce: repentance. And in this he did something else the people neglected: he took seriously the Mosaic Law. He shows genuine saving faith. -J.McDermion
Are there things that have gone wrong in your life that you need to put right, now that you're a believer, as you walk back down the road of repentance? What truths in this passage will help you to do that? -SB Ferguson

4- JESUS SEEKS & SAVES - repentance & faith

Luke 19:9-10 - salvation
Luke 3:7-14 - bear fruits
Luke 5:27-32 - leaving, repenting
Luke 13:16, Matt 10:5-7, 15:24 - lost sheep
Luke 15:1-7, 8-10, 24, 32 - lost & found
John 10:14-18, 12:19-33,46 - all people

Zacchaeus was a camel which passed through the eye of a needle! He now shared the faith and works of Abraham. God orchestrated Zacchaeus' interior compulsion to seek Jesus, and the exterior crossing of their lives at the fig tree with Jesus' call were all divinely managed. Zacchaeus was caught because in his seeking he was sought. Because he was regenerated. As the hymnist wrote, "I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew He moved my heart to seek Him, seeking me; It was not I that found, O Savior true; No, I was found of Thee" -RK Hughes

DAILY BIBLE READING ENGAGE~WORD~CHURCH~COMMUNITY~WORLD

- 8-1 **Luke 19:1-10** - seek & save
- 8-2 **Luke 5:27-32, 19:9-14** - tax
- 8-3 **John 6:35-40,43-45** - drawn
- 8-4 **John 10:14-18,25-28** - follow
- 8-5 **Ephesians 1:1-23** - predestined
- 8-6 **Lev 6:1-5, Num 5:5-8** - repay
- 8-7 **Lk 6:24,12:20-21,16:13,18:24-25**

The Spirit of God works the Word of God so the people of God become like the Son of God

- ♦ How will I be **transformed**, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey?

