

Report 8

Luke 18-19

18: The chapter starts off with a parable about a persistent widow. The widow kept coming to a judge who didn't fear God, with a request of justice for her life, not right away, but eventually he grants her wish. Jesus used this as what if the Judge was just like God, it would make sense to keep coming to Him for help because He will answer them.

Next was the parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector, both went to the Temple to pray and the Pharisee looked down on other sinners including the Tax Collector saying that he was thankful he wasn't them. The Tax Collector took an opposite approach saying he was a sinner and needed forgiveness by God, both went away but only the Tax Collector was justified by God.

Evans stated that "the error of the Pharisee lies not in the fact that he has refrained from certain sins and has performed certain religious duties faithfully; his sin lies in his lofty self-esteem." I found this really interesting because the way we see ourselves can make all the differences with how we act.

As this was all happening people were bringing their kids to be seen by Jesus and the disciples told them to go, Jesus said stop and told them to send the kids to him.

After this a ruler came to Jesus asking what he must do to get to heaven. Jesus responded to follow the commandments, and the man agrees that he had followed them. Jesus then says he is lacking still one, and that is that he has way too much money that he is selfish about. The man left because he was sad, Jesus explains if you are so caught up in your wealth you are serving that and not God.

Jesus then tells his disciples how he is going to die and they were all confused. As they made it to Jericho he heard a blind man calling for his forgiveness. Jesus stopped and found the man and told him that because he had faith he would be healed.

19: As Jesus was walking with a crowd, he saw a small man named Zacchaeus up in a tree, Zacchaeus then said to Jesus when he came down the tree was "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." This statement tells us in the first part that he knew he was being selfish in his earnings and not sharing with people in need. The second part shows us that he in the past had cheated people out of their own money and that he needed to pay them back more than what he took.

Zacchaeus knew exactly what he did wrong just by his convictions being in the presences of Jesus. At the end of the story Jesus calls Zacchaeus "son of Abraham" because of his willingness to give everything he had to God.

Wright states something that I never knew "Luke is the only gospel that tells of him and his sudden moment of glory" He also says that it was a perfect

picture before Jesus approaches Jerusalem which I could not agree more with, it brings together a sad tax collector, someone who gives up everything for Jesus, and the problem with being rich.

Jesus told a parable of when He gave a Minas to ten of his servants and told them to gain something with it, if they returned with more he rewarded them with cities they had to govern. When they returned with nothing more he had them all killed because they didn't listen and didn't want him to be king.

As he approached Jerusalem he told his disciples to go ahead and get him a colt. They told everyone asking that the "Lord needs it". As He rode into town people were throwing their clothes down for Him to get by and praising Him. As He entered the temple courts He drove out the evildoing and said it was a house of prayer, every day He was being plotted against to be killed.