

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

5-24-15 Ken Carlton

Title: ASTONISHING ANSWERS

Main Text: Mat 19:20-30

Sermon Description: In Matthew 19:21-22, the Word of Christ and worldly values reach a distinct impasse. Jesus Christ the Son of man – God incarnate – Savior – Messiah – Creator – Lord – Priest – Prophet – King – Sacrifice – Rock – Cornerstone – Light – Way – Truth – Life – Living Water – Son of David – Lamb of God King of kings... personally addresses an inquisitor with the words of absolute salvation... “Come, follow me”. Having heard the Word of Christ, and having shown particular and personal interest, the man “...went away sorrowful”. I Tim 6:9-10 is pointedly illustrated in this narrative: “But those who desire to be rich, fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of Money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.” It is an all too common occurrence that many who drift from Christ, do so because they are drawn toward temporal cravings. Their's are not the wild, rebellious eyes of militant unbelief... instead their eyes are mesmerized with the captivating sounds, lights, and promises of Vanity Fair.

Heading: GOSPEL QUESTIONS FOR THOSE QUESTIONING THE GOSPEL...

1. WHAT DO I STILL LACK? (Mt 19:20-24)

- a. Nature of riches (Mt 5:3-11) b. Difficulty expounded (Mt 16:24-28) c. Idiom in context

2. WHO THEN CAN BE SAVED? (Mt 19:25-26)

- a. Nature of favor b. Influential alienated c. Impossible standard (Jonah 2:9, Ps 3:8, Rv 7:10) d. Exceptions

3. WHAT THEN WILL WE HAVE? (Mt 19:27-30)

- a. New world (Rv 21:5) b. Government/gospel (Dn 7:13-14, Rv 21:12-17) c. Eternal rewards (Mt 10:34-39)

Close: The apostle Paul is perhaps the greatest textual exception to the anti-Christ predisposition of the rich. His testimony and confession mirrors the shape of this passage in Matthew: sin – salvation – consummation. Paul also tells us that the rewards of the gospel are not to be compared with any temporal circumstance... riches, influence, comfort, peace, safe passage, success, friendships, fame, possessions, or anything of the kind. Instead let us crave: “The light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” (II Cor 4:6)

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme: Riches	Theme: Difficulty	Theme: Salvation belongs to God	Theme: Zaccheus exception	Theme: New world	Theme: Twelve
Verses: Mt 5:3-11	Verses: Mt 16:24-28	Verses: Jonah 2:1-9	Verses: Luke 19:1-10	Verses: Mt 19:27-30, Rv 21:5	Verses: Rv 21:12-17

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: Mat 20:1-16