



A Heart that Pleases God: Zacchaeus

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Luke 19:1-10

v.1. The **Jesus** entered and passed through Jericho.

v.2. Now behold, there was a man named **Zacchaeus** who was a chief tax collector, and **he** was rich.

v.3. And **he** sought to see who **Jesus** was, but could not because of the crowd, for **he** was of short stature.

v.4. So **he** ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see **Him**, for **He** was going to pass that way.



Luke 19:1-10

v.5. And when **Jesus** came to the place, **He** looked up and saw him, and said to him, **“Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.”**

v.6. So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.

v.7. But when **they** saw it, they all complained, saying, **“He** has gone to be a guest with a **man** who is a **sinner**.”



Luke 19:1-10

v.8. Then **Zacchaeus** stood and said to **the Lord**,
“Look, **Lord**, I give half of my goods to the poor;
and if I have taken anything from anyone by
false accusation, I restore fourfold.”

v.9. And **Jesus** said to him. “Today salvation has
come to this house, because he also is a son of
Abraham;

v.10. for the **Son of Man** has come to seek and to
save that which was lost.”



Obstacles

1. Pride

- Greatest sin : excessively self-focused and self-elevating (ie. own importance, achievements, status or possessions)



James 4:6

But **He** gives more grace. Therefore **He** says:

“**God** resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble.”



1 Peter 5:5-6

v.5. Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for

“God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble.”

v.6. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,



Matthew 18:1-4

v.1. At that time **the disciples** came to **Jesus**, saying, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

v.2. Then **Jesus** called a little child to **Him**, set him in the midst of them,



Matthew 18:1-4

v.3. and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

v.4. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

v.5. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.



Obstacles

2. Idolatry

- Worship ourselves
- Worship man
- Self
- Materialism



Revelation 21:8

v.8. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”



Obstacles

3. Worldliness

- Are you satisfied with what you have in this world?
- Do you treasure things of this world more than God and His Word?
- What are you spending the majority of your day doing?



Obstacles

Matthew 16:24-26

v.24. Then **Jesus** said to **His disciples**, “If anyone desires to come after **Me**, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow **Me**.”

v.25. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for **My** sake will find it.



Obstacles

Matthew 16:24-26

v.36. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?



Obstacles

Mark 8:34-38

v.34. When **He** had called the people to **Himself**, with **His disciples** also, **He** said to them, “Whoever desires to come after **Me**, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow **Me**.”

v.35. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.



Obstacles

Mark 8:34-38

v.36. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

v.37. Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

v.38. For whoever is ashamed of **Me** and **My** words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when **He** comes in **the glory** of **His Father** with **the holy angels**."



Obstacles

1 John 2:15-16

v.15. Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

v.16. For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world.



Jesus

- He is urgently calling you today, don't hold off anymore
- He knows you by name



Proverbs 27:1

v.1. Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.



Hebrews 3:7-8

v.7. Therefore, as the **Holy Spirit** says:

“Today, if you will hear His voice,

v.8. Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,
In the day of trial in the wilderness,



1 John 1:8 – 2:2

v.8. “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

v.9. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

v.10. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.



1 John 1:8 – 2:2

v.1. My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

v.2. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.



