

## THE WORLD OF ZACCHEUSES

Intro. Who doesn't know story. Many miss point which is in v 10. Lost. Today don't want to face fact. Rather substitute other aims for Xnty such as improve society. Other doctrines like love for lost and eternal hell.

I. REASONS why men are Lost.

1. Desire for Status, 2. Zacc had it. Chief tax-coll. Middle man bet bosses in Rome and actual collectors who worked in custom house. 1/10 grain; 1/5 fruit; 1% income tax; poll-tax on men above 14 and women above 12 up to 65. Plus taxes on admission to markets, ships, bridges pack-animals from 2½-5 % and up to 12½ %. Zacc had people under him, connections in Rome. Knew of Matt's leaving (Lk 5), didn't want to face possibility of his having to give up. Status with world or God. Scofield.

2. Interference and security of riches, 2.

Bring security, satisfaction, Psa 52:7. Deceive, Matt 13:22; false pleasures, Lk 8:14. Wealth not wrong unless keeps from eternal life. Lk 18:25 needle used in surgery. Affluence of world makes missions more imperative.

3. Curiosity or hypocrisy, 3-4. Fig mulberry with low broad branches. Face looking out of green foliage of spring. Curious bec of Mt. or miracle or heard of Lk 18:14. Rel interest is fashionable today. Sun a.m. church, Graham, Time, dialog. Capitalize on world of interested Zaccheus'.

4. False security of rel. 9. Lk 3:8-9. Today-RC, Muslim, American, Pres. My parents were. Those who have rel have to have sal like Zacc. If rel can save, no purpose in CAM, ch.

5. Real reason is bec we are sinful, 7.

Change of v 8 shows he was selfish, thief.

Hyopphant, false accuser. Law said 1/5 not 4fold  
 Lk 11:13; Rom 1:18; Eph. 2:3. III. REMEDY. Person, v10. Requirement is bel, Jn 3:16; reality is God wants,  
 2 Pet 3:9.