

LEARNING HUMILITY, Mark 10:17-45

I. The Occasion, 10:17-27

Rich, young (20s), in Sanhedrin. Had it made except for most impet- eternal life. Jews though some great good work gained it; hence ? in 17. X tried to make him see: (1) X is God, 18. If call me "good" do you believe I am God. (2) man was a sinner, 19-22.6 comm cited. Keep all? What about covet, honor parents, love neighbor. Today: compare selves-- "Guilty man not so bad as prosecution said." Jas 2:10. Ultimate proof that didn't keep was go, sell, give-not be willing but do so. agapao in v. 21. (3) show that riches often hinder sal bec don't sense need. Camel and eye of regular needle. That inter not till 15th c.

II. Peter's Self-centered Reaction, 10:28-31

We don't have wealth and have followed you. What's in it for us? Left and followed aor. Broke with old occupations. 100fold now? How? Leave family bec decide to be unmarried or bec of spiritual divisions (Matt. 10:35-37). Have many more in spiritual family. Mothers-- ECR, Mrs. Spurgeon, McCoy. Houses and farms? Lands bring satisfaction, self-gratification. Can have what possessions bring 100fold with fewer bec have peace, contentment (Heb. 13:5). Think of Peter's greater min from Pentecost on. 1st last. 1st century and 20th. Equality of approval regardless of (1) when-- 1st or 20th and how long-- (short or long life if totally given to Lord and using all abilities given. Regeneration, Mt 19:28=M. Only here and Tit 3:5. With persecutions now. Eternal life everything perfect.

III. Disciples' Reaction, 10:35-41

A. James and John and mother, 35-40. "In your glory" = Messianic kgdom, Mt 25:31.

We are able to suffer. James was martyred, John exiled.

B. The 10, 41. Indignant, angry (=10:14).

IV. The Lesson, 42-45

Don't be like unbelievers, lording it over others, 42. (1 Pet 5:3-elder not to lord, same word) But to be great, be servant, 43 (diakonos and v. 45)=slave, 44 (doulos). Leader is servant. Peter learned this, 1 Pet 5:6. In Xnty humility is a grace. In world it is undesirable. Who? all but esp young men who tend to be proud of youth and maleness, 5:5. Gird as slave does. Humility is attitude of mind about my truly undistinguished self which results in promoting God in my life. Think only of what God has given me, Rom 12:3.