



Matthew 19:23-30

Matt. 19:23 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matt. 19:24 And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

Matt. 19:25 When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?”

Matt. 19:26 But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Matt. 19:27 Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?”

Matt. 19:28 So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Matt. 19:29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

Matt. 19:30 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

Context

Jesus’ comments here must be taken in context with the previous section where Jesus lovingly pointed out what kept the Rich Young Ruler from obtaining eternal life. So before you answer the questions on the back of this page be sure to read Matthew 19:16 & Matthew 19:21-22.

Observations & Discussion

1. What kept the Rich Young Ruler from following Jesus—and from the eternal life that he was seeking? Compare your answers to these scriptures: Matthew 13:22 & 1Timothy 6:10.

2. In verses 23-24 Jesus said that it is hard for rich people to enter the kingdom of heaven. Yet clearly not impossible as the Bible is full of examples of rich people who we'll see in Heaven—people like Abraham, King David & Joseph. So what is it that makes it hard for some rich people to be saved?

3. As we would expect Peter asks the question that the other disciples were thinking about but were afraid to ask (see vs. 27)! What are the three promises that Jesus makes to the disciples & anyone else who would surrender everything to follow Him? Do Jesus' promises motivate you?

4. In vs. 28 Jesus talks about the “regeneration”; what future period of time is He talking about & what do His comments tell you about that future epoch? Compare Jesus' comments to Rev. 5:10; what do these verses communicate about your future?

5. Why does money have such a strong pull on our lives?

6. What are some practical & spiritual ways that you can protect yourself from ever choosing riches and possessions over your love for Jesus?

7. What have you given up to follow Jesus? Is there anything you aren't willing to give up to follow Him? Why?