

# Luke 5:17-39 – 26 February 2023

## “The Worst Made Wealthy”

### Introduction

\*Chap 4 we began to see *operation* of Jesus ministry

\*Jesus has begun teaching people of His identity

\*He’s begun to call people to follow Him as Lord

\*The call of Jesus...

\*Isn’t just to bring our earthly life blessings

\*But it’s to bring our dead spirit into eternal life!

\*In Galilee, Jesus has already called some fishermen to be His disciples or students, today he’ll call another

\*The Bible speaks a lot of receiving Jesus & receiving His Word

\*Let’s look at what it is that we receive anyway

**Today, we’ll see 3 gifts to be opened at the receiving of Jesus into our lives and continually**

# **1<sup>st</sup> Gift: Forgiveness – Jesus has the power to forgive the most sinful (Vs 17-26)**

Read Vs 17 – *Palsied man healed thru the roof*

1. Not wrong that they came to investigate Jesus but they need to be open to reality of what they see

Read Vs 18-19

1. Faith will push thru adversities and not stop

Read Vs 20

1. ‘Saw their faith’: real faith is evidenced by actions
2. Faith makes us eligible to receive of God
  - a. And on this day, the power of God was present to heal him
3. Notice Jesus always addresses the most important subject first, his sins, not his body
  - a. Exp: Read John 3:2-3 – Nicodemus: miracles; Jesus “you must be born again”
  - b. Exp: Read Mark 12:18 – ‘whose wife is she’; Jesus you err b/c you don’t know Bible
  - c. We often pray for a thing & God is wanting to address the more important situation first

## Read Vs 21

1. It's right that only God can forgive sins; it's wrong that this is blasphemy
  - a. Read Gen 39:9 – Joseph's potential adultery would have been against God
  - b. Read Psm 51:4 – David, 'against Thee only'
2. Would be blasphemy if Jesus wasn't God

## Read Vs 22

1. Why the reaction that Jesus is doing wrong?

## Read Vs 23-24

1. It's easy to say it, but He now gives them direct evidence to believe it by healing
2. Jesus is trying to give them every reason to believe that He truly is God
  - a. Power is *exousia* for authority or jurisdiction, not *dunamis* which is power

## Read Vs 25-26

1. What is the result? Glory to God
2. Matt 9:8 says they gloried that God had "given such power unto men"

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Gift: Peace – Jesus has love for the most scornful (Vs 27-32)**

Read Vs 27-28 – *The call of Matthew to follow*

1. This is Matthew called Levi
  - a. Matthew (Mark 2:14) & James the Less (Matt 10:3) are both called the son of Alphaeus
    - i. Maybe they're brothers
  - b. How much did Matthew already know and hear about Jesus before this encounter?
2. Matthew left ALL and followed Jesus
  - a. Read Luke 9:23 – deny self, take cross, follow Jesus
  - b. Easier to go back to fishing for Peter than going back to tax collecting for Matthew
  - c. Matthew value system radically changed
    - i. His value in taxes AND in Jesus both
3. Jesus loved this hated tax-collector
  - a. Read Luke 7:47: forgiven much, love much

Read Vs 29

1. Telling friends is evidence of a changed life

## Read Vs 30-32

1. Sinners are those whose occupation made them ceremonially unclean
2. They're not having a meal for fellowship, but for evangelism; He's there to be a doctor to them
3. There're none that are whole or righteous, but there are those that are righteous in their own eyes
4. Matt 9:13 says Jesus added a quote from (Read) Hos 6:6a – mercy not sacrifice
  - a. Mercy for those that can't help themselves
  - b. Sacrifice is from those that have something to offer
  - c. Same thought is in (Read) I Sam 15:22
  - d. Also Read Hos 6:6b – Fear of God is the beginning of knowledge (from Prov 1:7)
5. We too need to reach out to those that KNOW they have problems & sins
  - a. Tom P. testimony: “You are so angry, but all I can see is a crying little boy that just wants to be loved. God loves you!”

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Gift: Joy – Jesus has grace for the most sorrowful (Vs 33-39)**

Read Vs 33-35

1. The complaint was, “aren’t you acting too happy or irreverently?”
  - a. Pharisees mourned longing for Messiah to deliver them from Roman
  - b. John Baptist’s disciples mourned longing for Messiah to come
  - c. Physical act of mourning/fasting (or not) has to correctly represent the spiritual reality
  - d. Jesus’ disciples rejoiced in the presence of Messiah
2. These Pharisees would reject any approach b/c it wasn’t their approach (Read Matt 11:16-19)
3. This is 1st reference to the heavenly wedding
  - a. Children of the bridegroom is Israel
  - b. Bride is the church (Read Rom 7:4)
  - c. John Baptist is best man (Read Jhn 3:29)
  - d. Jesus is here on earth to take a bride!
4. There’s a time to fast/mourn, this ain’t it!!

## Read Vs 36-39

1. (Explain the 2 analogies) – You can't add the new to the old b/c the old is already stretched
2. Jesus is here to complete the Law, but He's here to do something new also!
  - a. Remember Rom 7:4 - completion of the Law means dead to the 1st & freedom to live for another
  - b. We live by a new standard...that of grace
  - c. Read John 1:17 – “grace and truth”
3. The teachings of grace cannot fit within the old system of the Law

## Conclusion

So you say you've received Jesus into your life?

1. **Are you experiencing His forgiveness?**
  - a. Jesus has the power to forgive even the most sinful of people
  - b. Even if we're never healed of any earthly ailment, Jesus has already healed our greatest problem....that of a blacked soul
2. **Are you experiencing His peace?**
  - a. Jesus has the love for even the most scornful of people
  - b. Even if no one else ever shows us affection, Jesus will never stop loving us
3. **Are you experiencing His Joy?**
  - a. Jesus has the grace for even the most sorrowful of people
  - b. Even if this life is only hard continually, Jesus has set aside eternity for us to continually experience His everlasting joy!