

# Coming to Jesus ....

Luke 18: 1 - 30

two groups of people



two parables



two incidents



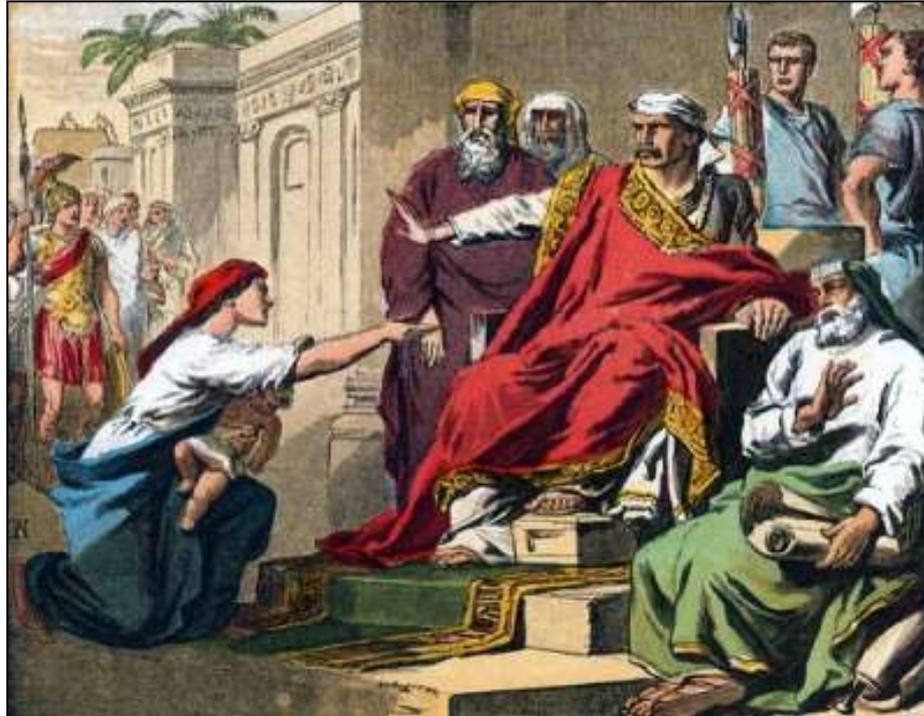
two responses

# The Widow and the Judge

Luke 18: 1-8

Lesson to be learned by group 1:

They should always pray and not give up.



**Why learn this lesson ?**

What is the context ? – days of Noah (Will there be faith then?)

What is prayer? – survival in such times

**Contrast : God is ready and willing to hear and answer**

# The Pharisee and the Tax collector

Luke 18: 9 - 14

## Lesson to be learned by group 2:

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, **Don't do it!**

### Pharisee

Believed in God,  
Went to the temple,  
Prayed

Prayed about  
himself to God  
Compared himself  
favourably to others  
“God” x 1 “I” x 4  
Asks for nothing



### Tax-collector

Believed in God,  
Went to the temple  
Prayed

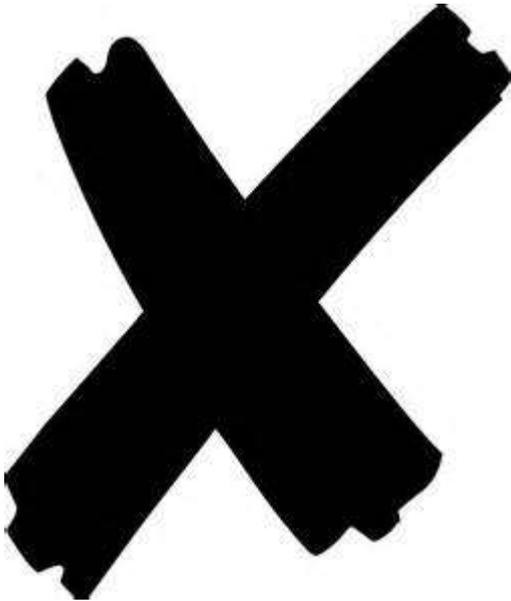
A different spirit..  
Aware of his sin  
before God,  
Dare not look up  
Asks for mercy

# The Pharisee and the Tax collector

Lesson to be learned by group 2:

You don't come to God the Pharisee way

## Heaven's Verdict !



**Shock to the system!!**  
**A serious warning to his listeners**

# Children and the Disciples

Luke 18: 15 - 17

## Disciple's resistance

– What are the causes?  
tense time, tired, attitudes,  
assumptions about Jesus?

## Jesus' Response (angry)

“Let them come- don't **hinder**”  
Children left to themselves  
naturally drawn to Jesus.  
(children's judge of character)

## Lesson to learn

We all need a child's heart and attitude if we want to be part of the Kingdom of God.



# Jesus and the rich young ruler.

Luke 18: 18 - 30

He was drawn to Jesus. A fine young man, good living, who recognised goodness even in Galilean clothing. From what he had heard did there come a sense of something missing?



“Good teacher – what’s missing, what big thing can I do ...?”

“Good” **Think about it!** Either Jesus not good, or he is God.

# Jesus and the rich young ruler.

Luke 18: 18 - 30

Jesus gives him the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the commandments relating to our behaviour towards other people.

“I’ve kept ..” - true in some respects  
**BUT** the first 3 commands pose two questions :-

**Who is God in your life?**

**What is controlling your life?**

## Ten Commandments

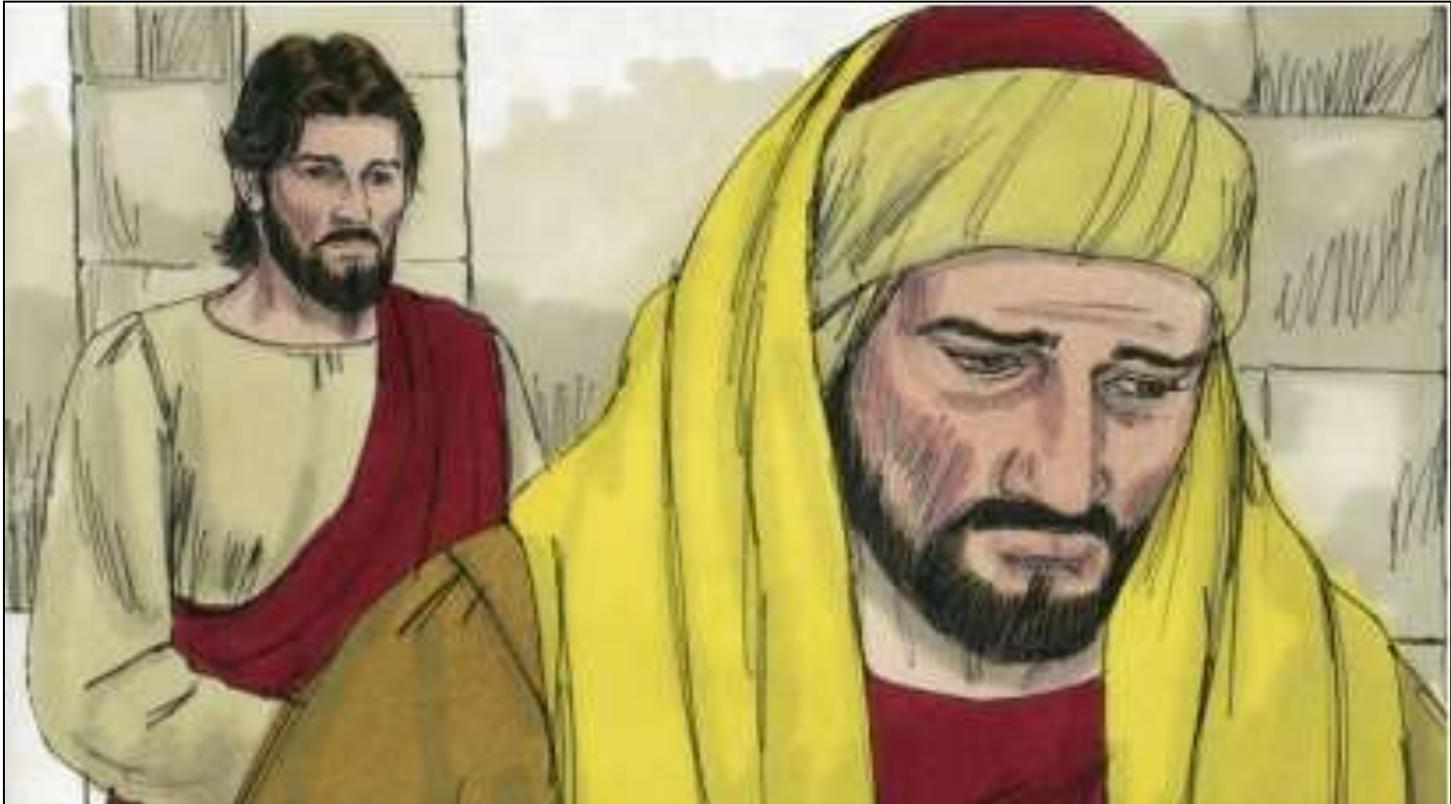
- 1 - YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER "GODS" BEFORE ME
- 2 - YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FOR YOURSELF AN IDOL
- 3 - YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF GOD IN VAIN
- 4 - REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY
- 5 - HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER
- 6 - YOU SHALL NOT MURDER
- 7 - YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY
- 8 - YOU SHALL NOT STEAL
- 9 - YOU SHALL NOT LIE
- 10 - YOU SHALL NOT COVET

Exodus 20:3-17

# Jesus and the rich young ruler.

Luke 18: 18 - 30

Get rid of your idol ! (It's not poverty he needs)  
AND come follow me!



He couldn't do it at that time.  
Coming to Jesus is a big challenge

# Jesus and the rich young ruler.

Luke 18: 18 - 30



Jesus let him go. “How hard it is .....

**Shock to the system!**

Impossible for man but ...

# Jesus and the rich young ruler.

Luke 18: 18 - 30



Peter "We have ..." ( But remember --- the grace of God)

There are rewards for sacrifice now and so much more THEN

# How do you come to God ?

1, In the first place by his grace



2, Come with childlike faith and trust



3, Recognise you are a sinner needing mercy,  
There is no place for pride.



4, Persevere in prayer and trusting  
in cold world ...



5, Remember there is a great reward !