

## Steve Greenberg's Handout

### Week 39 May 10, 2026: Luke 18:35-43-19:1-27 Zacchaeus is Saved, Ten Servants

#### Luke 18:35-43 Jesus Heals, Blind Bartimaeus Sight (Mat 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52)

Luk 18:35 Then it happened, as He(Jesus) was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging

#### Parallel passage in Mark tells us the blind man is Bartimaeus

Mar 10:46 Now they (Jesus & disciple) came to Jericho (last stop, on His way to Jerusalem). As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging (a good place to beg, for pilgrims heading to Jerusalem would most likely be generous).

Mat 20:29 Now as they went out of Jericho (archeology found two Jericho's, upper and lower, solving; they came into, and going out issue), a great multitude followed Him(Jesus).

Mat 20:30 And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!" (This does not mean that Matthew's report of two blind men is inaccurate, only that Mark and Luke focused on one of them).

Luk 18:36 And hearing a multitude (noise from a crowd) passing by, he asked what it meant (or what was happening).

Luk 18:37 So they told him (blind Bartimaeus) that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

Luk 18:38 And he(blind man) cried out (began shouting), saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (Son of David, A common Messianic title recognizing the Messiah, as a descendant of David).

Luk 18:39 Then those who went before (people in front) warned him(blind Bartimaeus) that he should be quiet (sternly rebuking him); but he cried out (kept shouted) all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Luk 18:40 So Jesus stood still (stopped) and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he(blind Bartimaeus) had come near, He asked him,

Luk 18:41 saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said (or replied), "Lord, that I may receive my sight (again)."

Rather than continuing to beg for money, he heard about Jesus doing miracles, so sought Him with His whole heart and faith.

James 4:2c Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

Luk 18:42 Then Jesus said to him, "Receive (literally regain) your sight; your faith (he had faith and put his personal trust and confidence in Jesus who) has made you well (literally, saved you, he was healed both physically and spiritually)."

Luk 18:43 And immediately he (blind Bartimaeus) received (regained) his sight, and followed Him(Jesus), glorifying (praising and honoring) God. And all the people, when they saw it (miracle), gave praise to God.

The blind man now being able to see became a follower of Jesus, glorifying and honoring God

Luk 9:23 Then He(Jesus) said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

**Luke 19:1-10 Jesus Comes to Zacchaeus (Zak-KEE-us) House (Zacchaeus Is Saved, Converted, has Salvation)**

**Luk 19:1** Then Jesus entered and passed through (the town of) Jericho.

[This takes us back to previous chapter](#)

**Luk 18:31** Then He(Jesus) took the twelve (apostles) aside and said to them "**Behold** (listen carefully), we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the (Old Testament) prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished (completed)

**The cross is to be seen as a fulfillment of prophecy.**

**Luk 18:32** "For He(Son of Man) will be (betrayed, and) delivered to the Gentiles (Roman authorities) and will be mocked and insulted (shamed, mistreated, abused) and spit upon.

**Luk 18:33** "They will scourge (flog & whip) Him(Son of Man) and kill Him. And the third day He(Son of Man) will rise again (from the dead)."

**Prophetic Messianic references written by Old Testament prophets**

Jesus was thinking about His death and possible these scriptures were on His mind:

Isaiah 53 "He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions (sins) of My people He was stricken" and "He poured out His soul unto death."

Psalms 22 "They pierced My hands and My feet, My precious life from the power of the dog" (dog is figurative language for death and harm by His evil enemies).

Zechariah 9 "Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey." "Being despised and rejected and crucified."

Daniel 9 "The Messiah will be cut off, but not for Himself."

The disciples were probably thinking, how wonderful it is going to be when Jesus overthrows the Roman government. He is going to establish the kingdom of God now (Luk 19:11 disciples thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately) and we are going to see a world that is filled with peace and righteousness. We are going to subdue all of the enemies of God. This is the hour of victory for God's children. So as they journeyed towards Jerusalem, two very contrasting thoughts: what was in the mind of the Savior and what was in the minds of the disciples?

Jericho was quite different then OT times having tropical climate and access to water for agriculture, it was known as The City of Palms. Herod the Great had built aqueducts and many amazing sites.

**Jos 6:26** Then Joshua charged them at that time, saying, "Cursed be the man before the LORD who rises up and builds this city Jericho; he shall lay its foundation with his firstborn, and with his youngest he shall set up its gates."

**Luk 19:2** Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus (also spelled Zaccheus, means pure one, pronounced Zak-KEE-us) who was a chief tax collector (in that region, who others reported too), and he was rich (wealthy).

Jericho was a major road way for tax collection on goods.

Generally Jews hated tax collectors, worked for Rome and were known to take advantage of people for selfish gain.

**Luk 3:12** Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him (Jesus), "Teacher, what shall we do?"

**Luk 3:13** And he(Jesus) said to them, "Collect no more than what is appointed for you."

**Luk 19:3** And he(Zacchaeus) sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature (could not see over the crowd).

**Luk 19:4** So he(Zacchaeus) ran ahead (of the crowd) and climbed up into a sycamore tree (or fig-mulberry tree) to see Him(Jesus), for He(Jesus) was going to pass that way.

He put aside his pride and dignity and became like a little child climbing the tree, not worried about what others think but wanted to see Jesus at all cost.

**Mat 18:3** Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven (humbles themselves and have childlike faith).

**Luk 19:5** And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him(Zacchaeus), and said to him, "**Zacchaeus, make haste (quickly) and come down, for today I must stay at your house.**"

**Luk 19:6** So he(Zacchaeus) made haste (hurried) and came down, and received Him joyfully (welcomed Jesus with great excitement, childlike gladness).

It is important that we minister to all kinds of people, not just who we like, especially the poor and outcast

1Cor 1:26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.

1Cor 1:27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

1Cor 1:28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,

1Cor 1:29 that no flesh should glory in His presence.

1Cor 1:31 that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the LORD."

**Luk 19:7** But when they (**the people**) saw it, they all complained (**muttered discontent**), saying, "He(**Jesus**) has gone to be a guest (**lodge**) with a man (**Zacchaeus**) who is a sinner (**notorious sinner**)."

### Correlating Verses

**Luk 5:30** And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

**Luk 5:31** Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well (**see no need to deal with their sin**) have no need of a physician, but those who are sick (**have sin**).

**Luk 5:32** "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

**Luk 15:1** Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him(**Jesus**) to hear Him.

**Luk 15:2** And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them (**Jesus associates with sinful people**)."

**Mat 9:12** When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

**Mat 9:13** "But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

**Luk 19:8** Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give (**I am now giving**) half of my goods (**possessions**) to the poor; and if I have (**cheated anyone or**) taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I (**will**) restore fourfold (**four times as much**)."

**Psa 41:1** To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. Blessed is he who considers the poor; The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

### Principal for stealing property

**Exo 22:1** "If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and slaughters it or sells it, he shall restore five oxen for an ox and four sheep for a sheep.

**Luk 19:9** And Jesus said to him(**Zacchaeus**), "**Today salvation has come to this house, because he, also is, a son of Abraham (spiritual son of Abraham);**

We can see his changed life by both his new way of thinking and his behavior, giving half of my goods to the poor; and if I have (cheated anyone or) taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I (will) restore fourfold

Remember previously the rich young ruler, who left Jesus sad because he loved his riches more than God. Jesus commanded the rich young ruler to give away everything that was keeping him from God (Luke 18:18-27).

Zacchaeus reveals he also is a true son (by faith) of Abraham and not just his physical descendant

Gal 3:7 Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.

Gal 3:8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed."

Luk 13:11 And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.

Luk 13:12 But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."

Luk 13:13 And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

Luk 13:16 "So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound--think of it--for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"

**Luk 19:10 "for the "Son of Man" (a title Jesus used for himself) has come to seek and to save that which was lost."**

### The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Luk 15:4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?

Luk 15:5 "And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

Luk 15:6 "And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!'

Luk 15:7 "I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

Jhn 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Jhn 3:17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Jhn 3:18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

1Tim 1:15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

Heb 7:25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

### **Luke 19:11-27 The Parable of Ten Servants and Minas (Money Usage) (Correlation Mat 25:14-30)**

**Luk 19:11** Now as they (the people were listening, and) heard these things, He(Jesus) spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the

**kingdom of God would appear immediately (assumed this would happen when Jesus reached the city or soon thereafter).**

This parable is different than the parable of the talents Mat 25:14-30. Jesus sometimes shared similar teachings and parables in different settings to emphasize slightly different truths.

**Luk 19:12 Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself, a kingdom (crowned a king), and to return.**

The return of the nobleman from far country (is seen in the second coming of the Son of Man) and will not take place immediately.

**Luk 19:13 "So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas (one apiece, equals about 90-100 day wages for a common laborer, Greek mna, Hebrew minah), and said to them, 'Do business (invest) till I come (return).'**

Round number ten, suggest that Jesus was applying this to all his disciples

Col 3:23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,

Col 3:24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

Col 3:25 But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.

**Today is the day to live for Christ, do not be prideful, say as the Lord wills**

James 4:13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit";

James 4:14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

James 4:15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."

**Luk 19:14 "But his citizens (residents of his new kingdom) hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign (be king) over us.'**

**Jhn 1:11 He(Jesus) came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.**

Jhn 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

Jhn 1:13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, **but of God.**

**Luk 19:15 "And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading (earned doing business).**

**Quote from Pastor Chuck Smith 3000 Series**

When Jesus ascended into heaven, He received at that time the kingdom. He was crowned as King in heaven. The Father said, "Sit Thou on my right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool" (Matthew 22:44). Jesus is there on the right hand of the Father waiting until the Father makes His enemies His footstool. God has given to Him the title of King. When He returns, He will return with the title, King of kings and Lord of lords. That's something that He already has received. He hasn't yet received the kingdom. He'll receive that when He returns. He'll then rule over the kingdom. But He is coming back as King to rule over the kingdom that the Father has given unto Him.

**Luk 19:16 "Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas (ten times more than the original amount).'**

**Luk 19:17 "And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful (and trustworthy) in a very little, have authority over ten cities (as your reward, in my kingdom).'**

**Scriptures teaches degrees of reward and responsibility in heaven.**

**1Cor 3:14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.**

**1Cor 3:15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.**

**Mat 25:23 (Jesus said in the parable of the talents) His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'**

**1Tim 6:17 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.**

**1Tim 6:18 Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share,**

**1Tim 6:19 storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.**

**Luk 19:18 "And the second (servant) came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas (five times more than the original amount).'**

**Luk 19:19 "Likewise he said to him (second servant), 'You also be (have authority) over five cities (as your reward, in my kingdom).'**

**Luk 19:20** "Then another (third servant) came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina (the original amount), which I have kept, put away in a handkerchief (or cloth for safekeeping).'

Those who do not use Gods resources, talents, spiritual gifts, and opportunities will suffer loss, or lose potential benefits, rewards.

**Luk 19:21** 'For I feared you, because you are an austere man (high strict standards). You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow (you harvesting crops you didn't plant).'

2Tim 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Rom 8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

**Luk 19:22** "And he (Master) said to him (third servant), 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew (or if you really knew) that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow.

Job 15:6 Your own mouth condemns you, and not I; Yes, your own lips testify against you.

Mat 25:24 (Jesus shared this other parable with them)"Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

Mat 25:25 'And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

Mat 25:26 "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

Mat 25:27 'So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.

**Luk 19:23** 'Why then did you not put my money in the bank (at the very least), that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?'

It is apparent that this third servant did not know his master very well

**Luk 19:24** "And he(Master, King) said to those who stood by (attendants), 'Take the mina from him (third servant), and give it to him (first servant) who has ten minas.'

**Luk 19:25** ("But they (the attendants) said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas (already).')

**Luk 19:26 (Jesus explained) 'For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have even what he has will be taken away from him (because he valued his gifts from God and has used them wisely, while the other disregarded his gifts from God and it was taken away or lost everything).'**

**The person who welcomes God and lives according to His Word will be blessed**

### Quote from Pastor Chuck Smith 3000 Series

What have you done or what are you doing with what God has entrusted into your keeping? One day you're going to have to give an answer to the Lord as you will be required to stand before Him and to give an accounting to Him of what He has entrusted into your keeping. Are you occupying? Are you using that which God has invested in you for the kingdom of God and for its expansion? You see, that's why when the kingdom of God does come, many people who have been very prominent in the worldly affairs and in worldly things will be heavenly paupers. And many people who have been earthly paupers will be rulers over large territories. It's your faithfulness in using what God has entrusted to you. Using it for Him and for His glory. And then He said,

**Luk 19:27 (The king ended by saying)'But bring, here, those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me (execute them in my presence, a picture of the White Throne Judgment for those who reject Jesus).'** " "

**End**

### Charts:

#### Examples of Putting Your Treasures in Heaven

<u>Theme</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Short Phrase</u>
Eternal focus	Matthew 6:19–21	Store treasures, where it lasts
Right priorities	Colossians 3:2–3	Set your mind on heaven
Faithful works rewarded	1 Corinthians 3:12–14	God rewards what endures
Giving to others	Luke 12:33–34	Give → gain heavenly treasure
Using money wisely	Luke 16:9	Use wealth for eternity
Giving to the church	Malachi 3:10	Honor God with giving
Supporting ministry	Matthew 10:41–42	Share in their reward
Ministry partnership	Philippians 4:17	Fruit credited to you
Volunteering / serving	1 Peter 4:10	Use your gifts to serve
Serving faithfully	Hebrews 6:10	God remembers your service
Helping the poor	Proverbs 19:17	Lending to the Lord, He will repay
Helping “the least”	Matthew 25:40	Serving others = serving Christ
Cup of water	Matthew 10:42	Small acts count
Hospitality	Hebrews 13:2	Welcome others
Prayer	Matthew 6:6	Secret prayer rewarded
Seeking God	Hebrews 11:6	God rewards seekers
Perseverance	Galatians 6:9	Don't quit—harvest coming
Generosity	2 Corinthians 9:6	Sow more → reap more
Obedient work	Colossians 3:23–24	Work for the Lord
Self-denial	Matthew 16:24–27	Lose now → gain later
Eternal reward	Revelation 22:12	Jesus brings reward

## Practical ways

### 1) Consistent, sincere prayer

Matthew 6:6 “Pray... in secret, and your Father... will reward you.”

### 2) Love people (especially the overlooked)

Matthew 25:40 “Whatever you did for one of the least... you did for Me.”

This includes: Poor, Widows, Children, The hurting, less fortunate

### 3) Generous giving (without seeking attention)

Matthew 6:3–4 “Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing...”

Give quietly → God rewards openly

### 4) Seek God first (prioritize eternity)

Matthew 6:33 “Seek first the kingdom of God... all these things shall be added to you.”

### 5) Walk by faith and be faithful in everyday life

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please God ...

Luke 16:10 “Whoever is faithful in little is faithful in much.”

A Parable is a short, earthly story used to illustrate a deep spiritual or moral lesson. The word comes from the Greek *parabolē*, which literally means “to throw alongside”. Think of it as placing a common, everyday truth alongside a heavenly truth so the listener can understand the unknown by looking at the known. There is always a literal meaning (**the story itself**) and a spiritual meaning (**look for the central point, hidden spiritual lesson and truth, a comparison, then application**). A parable typically has one main interpretation, but it can have many different applications depending on a person's specific circumstances.

In the study of parables, the interpretive principle of Expositional Constancy suggests that God uses symbols with consistent meaning throughout Scripture providing a reliable pattern, consistency or correlation to guide understanding and interpretation.

**Mar 4:13 And He(Jesus) said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? Jesus is saying if you don't understand the first parable and the meanings how are you going to understand the others. Remember Jesus took the disciples aside and explained to them the meaning privately.**