

WCBC ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE - JANUARY 12, 2020

TOPIC: TWELVE NT PRAYERS THAT CONNECT

Sermon 10: *A Prayer For Salvation!*

TEXT: Mark 10:17-27

INTRO: Background of The Story!

I. HIS CHARACTER: vv.17-20

1. He was eager and earnest - v.17a
2. He was respectful and reverent - v.17b
3. He was religious - v.17b
4. He was moral - v.20

II. HIS MISTAKES: vv.19-20

1. He thought he could be saved by doing good works!
Note: He has completely forgotten Galatians 2:16 and James 2:10!
 - 1988 SDA San Diego, CA Crusade!

III. THE LORD'S ANSWER: vv.18-21

1. Jesus refused to be recognized merely as a good man by one who did not acknowledge Him as the Son of God - v.18
2. Jesus pointed the rich, young ruler to the Law -v.19
Why?: Because he obviously did not know the true meaning of the Law!
 - (1) It summarizes God's requirements to man.
 - (2) It manifests the OT Jews' faith to God by observing it - Exodus 31:17
 - (3) It prepares the way for Christ's coming - Galatians 3:24 cf. Matthew 5:17-18
 - (4) It shows man's sinfulness but cannot bring victory over sin! - Rom. 3:20; Gal. 3:23-24 cf. 2:21

IV. THE LORD'S COMMAND: v.21

1. "Sell everything!"- v.21c
Note: Christ wanted to show him the "heart of the problem, i.e., the problem of the heart!"
2. "Come" - v.21d
Note: He was called upon to give his life for Jesus!
3. "Follow Me" (Jesus) - v.21d

Note: He was to turn away from everything he had been trusting in and place his trust completely in Jesus and nothing else for salvation!

CONCLUSION: This man was offered eternal life, yet he thought that the price was just too high for him to pay! - Matthew 16:26

Graham Prays For Marilyn Monroe!

One night in 1962, in a hotel in Seattle, Billy Graham was sound asleep. Suddenly, he awoke with what he later described as "a burden to pray for Marilyn Monroe," the movie actress. When the feeling continued the next day, one of Graham's associates tried to reach the actress through one of her agents. The agent offered no hope for a meeting immediately. "Not now. Maybe two weeks from now" he said. Two weeks later, Marilyn Monroe's suicide shocked the world. Two weeks was too late! - Paul L. Tan

"There are some people who, when they reach all their goals, are brought face to face with the horrible fact that 'dreams come true' have not really satisfied. Marilyn Monroe had everything most girls yearn for: good looks, well-proportioned figure, men galore, fame, money, glamour. Yet she killed herself. Why? She apparently reached the pitiable but honest stage of utter despair: 'I've reached all my goals but they don't satisfy. I'm empty. Life is not worth the living. There's nothing else to try. I've tried everything. Nothing relieves that deep pain inside me. Death is now the only possible relief.'" Larry Crabb, *Effective Biblical Counseling*, 124-125.

Verse For Today

**"Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
- Mark 10:17b**

Food For Thought

"He who provides for this life, but takes no care for eternity, is wise for a moment, but a fool forever!" - Tillotson

