

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Did it require any courage for Bartimaeus to cry out to Jesus?
2. Why did many try to quiet Bartimaeus?
3. Why did Jesus ask Bartimaeus what He should do to him?
4. Would anyone try to silence someone spiritually blind from crying out to Jesus for help?
5. How should we respond when someone expresses a desire to be saved?
6. What happens when we preach ourselves?
When we preach Jesus Christ?
7. How does the light of the knowledge of the glory of God shine from us?

SUMMARY:

Blind Bartimaeus fully understood the extent of his affliction. He recognized what he was lacking and he had a deep desire and longing to receive sight again. His desire was so great that he sought it with pleadings not caring who heard or knew of his desire.

There is a greater light that is shining of which every man has need so that we can see how we should walk (Psalm 119:1-5, John 1:9) and live. The person who truly knows his need of the Lord is not concerned who hears or knows of his or her desire for salvation.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #5

October 30, 2022

Fourth Quarter

THE KING'S HEALING POWER

LESSON TEXT: *Mark 10:46-52; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6*

LESSON SETTING: Leaving Jericho with the twelve disciples.

TIME: About 33 A.D.

I. A PITIFUL CRY. Mark 10:46-48

- A. A Great Need (vs. 46) Matthew 9:27; 12:22; Mark 8:22; John 9:1
- B. "Have Mercy" (vs. 47-48) Psalm 34:6; 51:1; Luke 18:13

II. A GRACIOUS RESPONSE. Mark 10:49-52

- A. Compassion of Jesus (vs. 49) Matthew 9:36; 14:14; 20:34
- B. Call of Christ (vs. 49) Romans 10:12; Revelation 22:17

III. A GLORIOUS LIGHT. 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

- A. God's Word (vs. 4) Psalm 19:8; 119:105, 130; 2 Peter 1:19
- B. Jesus the Light (vs. 4) John 1:9; 8:12; 12:46; Ephesians 5:14
- C. God, a Light (vs. 6) Psalm 27:1; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 22:5

GOLDEN TEXT: *ONE THING I KNOW, THAT, WHEREAS I WAS BLIND, NOW I SEE.*

John 9:25

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Mark 11:12-33

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Malachi 1:1-14;
Matthew 21:12-27;
Luke 19:45-48; 20:1-18;
John 2:13-22

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ - King and Savior

TOPIC: THE KING'S AUTHORITY

INTRODUCTION:

Nothing but leaves! No fruit on the fig tree for the Master to satisfy the need of His body. Yet how typical this is of many who would bear the name of Christ. Can it be that the judgment or curse brought on the fig tree is also a warning to us that we ought to bear spiritual fruit? This was not yet the time of harvest, but Jesus did expect to find the formation of the fruit. So likewise, He expects us to be working for Him.

As He cleansed the temple, Jesus showed His displeasure with some of the things that were taking place in the temple. As people may have reasoned, these things were to be used for purposes of worship so it was okay to buy and sell in the temple. It is the same way today in our worship of God in our churches, but even more so in our lives. We dare not become encumbered with things of little value, but rather that our hearts be totally separated from things of the world and wholly devoted to God. The thought today is "when in Rome do as the Romans do" so that we can be better lights. Yet how false is this thinking? Must the Lord in judgment separate these things from us? Is our "house" a house of prayer?

CENTRAL TRUTH: The King is Master over man and nature.

GOLDEN TEXT: *WHAT THINGS SOEVER YE DESIRE, WHEN YE PRAY, BELIEVE THAT YE RECEIVE THEM, AND YE SHALL HAVE THEM.*
Mark 11:24

Jesus showed His authority and power when He promised to grant us the things we desire. However, if we are to have them we must meet certain conditions.

First, of all, we must pray. Even though God knows every thought and intent of our heart, He expects us to communicate with Him and make our requests known. When tuning a radio, we must be on the exact wavelength; otherwise we receive a garbled message or static. We also must be in tune with God if we are to communicate with Him. We must have separated thoughts. Our minds cannot stray to other thoughts if we want our message to get through to God.

Secondly, we must believe that we will receive them. Immediately, our faith limits our asking to those things that are truly essential to our physical and spiritual well-being. We can be sure that God will not grant to us things that can be harmful to us. In the preceding verse we also are told we must not doubt lest our faith fail us. We read further concerning this in James 1:5-8.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Oct. 31 – Nov. 6

- M. *The King's Authority. Mark 11:12-33
- T. He Teaches with Authority. Matthew 7:21-29
- W. He States His Authority. Matthew 28:8-18
- T. He Acts with Authority. Mark 1:21-28
- F. He Judges with Authority. John 5:19-27
- S. His Authority on Earth. Ephesians 1:15-23
- S. His Authority in Heaven. 1 Peter 3:18--4:5

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