

## **Message: How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God**

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**Memory verse: Titus 3:5 KJV** Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

**Bible reading: Luke 18:18-30 KJV** And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? [19] And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God. [20] Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother. [21] And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up. [22] Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. [23] And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. [24] And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! [25] For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. [26] And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved? [27] And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God. [28] Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee. [29] And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, [30] Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Salvation is not by works of righteousness but by his mercy, grace and faith in Jesus Christ as seen in **Ephesians 2:8-9 KJV** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: [9] Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Giving is one of the greatest requirements to make heaven but sadly and strangely we struggle to comply, we depend so much on our strength and abilities, we also believe that we achieve all by our wisdom, forgetting the fact that all is given by God and he demonstrated it by given us his only begotten son .....

Hear this beloved if you don't give you don't receive, if you don't sow no harvest and the ground you sow to will determine your reward. Jesus told the rich man to sell all and give to the poor.....the man was bitter because he knew that he will not make profit nor get returns from the given, he was looking at the physical but Jesus had everlasting reward for him ( Kingdom of heaven)...

Your religion is not complete not until when you conform to **James 1:27 KJV** Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

### **Prayer**

1. Help me O lord to trust and obey you in the name of Jesus
2. My earthly treasures shall not block my heavenly home in the name of Jesus
3. Give me the grace to embrace the truth in the name of Jesus
4. Help me O lord to be sensitive to the voice of the holy spirit in the name of Jesus
5. Empower me O lord to always do the right thing that will make me to make heaven in the name of Jesus.