

I. The Criticism of Calvary

A. Pride

He "took Him aside"
He "rebuke[d] Him"
He contradicted Him

B. Philosophy

Things of God vs.
Things of Man

C. Peril - Without the cross there would be no hope.

II. The Compassion of Forgiveness

A. Confident Question

B. Confounding Answer

C. Clarifying Parable

Parable of the unforgiving servant
-Mt 18:23-34

D. Clear Point

III. The Compensations of Service

This immediately follows Jesus' encounter with the Rich Young Ruler

-Mt 19:16-22

-Mk 10:17-31

-Lk 18:18-30

A. Commitment

"left everything" - This is in contrast to the rich young ruler

B. Concern

"What then will we have?"

C. Communication

"Will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life."

-Mt 5:11-12

-Rom 8:18

Matthew 16:21-23 (ESV)

²¹ *From that time* Jesus began to show his disciples that *he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.*

²² And **Peter** took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "**Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.**"

²³ But he turned and said to **Peter**, "*Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.*"

Matthew 18:21-22 (ESV)

²¹ Then **Peter** came up and said to him, "Lord, **how often** will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as **seven times?**"

²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but **seventy-seven times.** <- Gen 4:24

The parable of the unforgiving servant

³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, **if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.**"

Matthew 19:23-30 (ESV)

²³ And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven.

²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁶ But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

²⁷ Then Peter said in reply, "**See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?**"

²⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, **you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones**, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

²⁹ And **everyone** who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, **will receive a hundredfold** and will **inherit eternal life.**

³⁰ But many who are *first will be last, and the last first.*

From that time...

-This follows Peter's confession of Jesus as the Christ

-Obviously Peter still had a lot to learn about what this really meant!

-Mt 16:13-20

The rabbinic consensus said a brother should be forgiven a repeated sin 3 times.

What did Peter think about his proposed answer to his question?

What is the significance of the # given by Christ?

How significant was Peter's sacrifice?

-Lk 5:11 - "**they left everything** and followed him"

-Mk 12:41-44 - "put in everything she had"

Peter's Priority

-Did Peter initially follow Jesus because of the mission or the potential reward?

-Mt 4:19 - "I will make you fishers of men"

-Peter had been following Jesus for several years, and only now asks about the reward. This is a response to "impossible"

-Even so, he and the others are likely thinking in terms of deserving or earning God's favor.

From That Time

Matthew 16:13–20 (ESV)

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Seventy Times Seven

Genesis 4:24 (ESV)

²⁴ If Cain’s revenge is sevenfold, then Lamech’s is seventy-sevenfold.”

Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

Matthew 18:23–34 (ESV)

²³ “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.

Rich Young Ruler

Matthew 19:16–22 (ESV)

¹⁶ And behold, a man came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” ¹⁷ And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” ¹⁸ He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, ¹⁹ Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁰ The young man said to him, “All these I have kept. What do I still lack?” ²¹ Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²² When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Mark 10:17–31 (ESV)

¹⁷ And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’ ” ²⁰ And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” ²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” ²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Luke 18:18–30 (ESV)

¹⁸ And a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ²⁰ You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.’ ” ²¹ And he said, “All these I

have kept from my youth.”²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”²³ But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich.²⁴ Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, “How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!²⁵ For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”²⁶ Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?”²⁷ But he said, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”²⁸ And Peter said, “See, we have left our homes and followed you.”²⁹ And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God,³⁰ who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life.”

Peter’s Sacrifice

Luke 5:11 (ESV)

¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Mark 12:41–44 (ESV)

⁴¹ And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums.⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny.⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box.⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Peter’s Priority

Matthew 4:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Communication

Matthew 5:11–12 (ESV)

¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Romans 8:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.