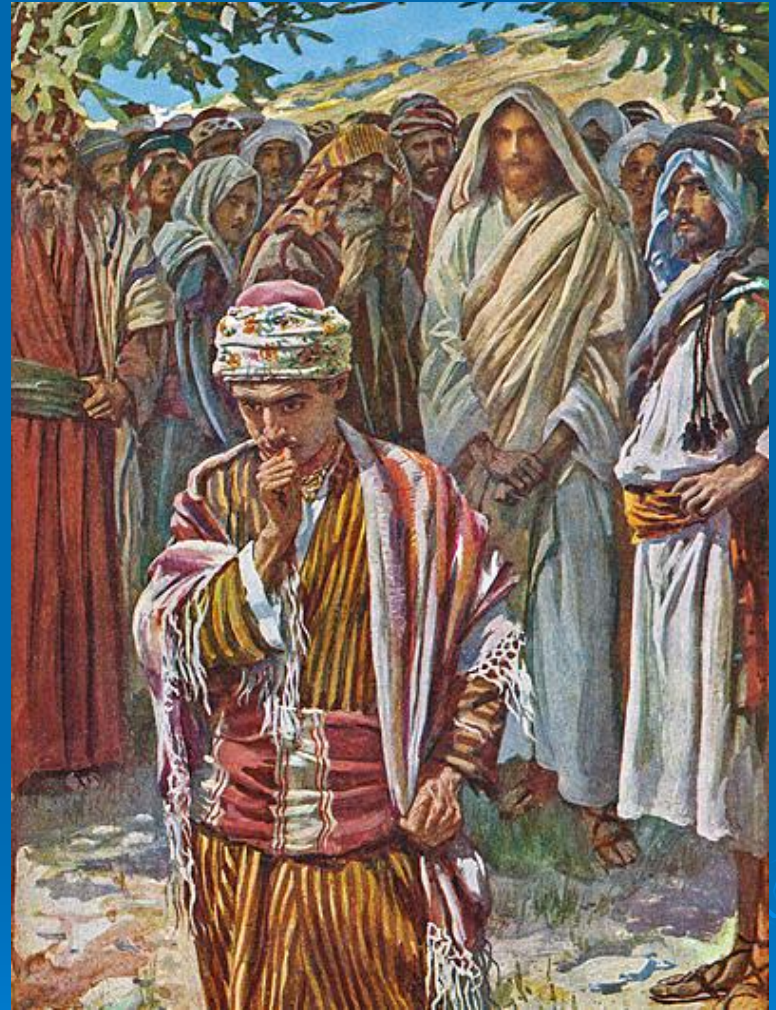


**“But he was
sad at this
word, and
went away
sorrowful, for
he had great
possessions”**



Mark 10:22

Lessons from the meeting between the Lord Christ and the young rich ruler



1. The problems with money

- Money gives false senses of security, authority and satisfaction.
- Some may define themselves and others' worth on the basis of how much money they have.
- This can turn into a master who rules over people's lives.



2. The Lord “liked” him...yet still the man went sorrowful ⁽¹⁾

- True love has to cause the one loved to be upset at a certain moment.
- God desires our salvation, not our comfort.
“O Caring God, the maker of all good things, who governs well, with His chosen ones”

--*The Morning Doxology*



2. The Lord “liked” him...yet still the man went sorrowful ⁽²⁾

- The Lord is the One who told us about the narrow gate, the cross that we should carry, and denying ourselves, yet He, too, is the One who, more than anyone else, spoke about “Hell”!



3. The “Process” is difficult and painful ⁽¹⁾

- We stumble in God when He confronts us with the Truth about salvation:
“A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world”

John 16:21



3. The “Process” is difficult and painful ⁽²⁾

1. Struggles may come from trying to detach from a worldly desire or a relationship.
2. Pain will definitely be incurred when choosing the spirit instead of the flesh.
3. Disappointments may arise from difficulty to understand or accept God's Economy



4. When we stumble, it is time to talk with Him ⁽¹⁾

- The dialogue with God is the only way to find comfort.
- David gives us the example:
 - Psalm 3 starts with:
“LORD, how they have increased who trouble me.”
 - Then he receives the answer: “I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around”



4. When we stumble, it is time to talk with Him ⁽²⁾

- Psalm 13 starts with:
“How long, O LORD?
Will You forget me
forever?”
- Then, he concludes:
“I will sing to the
LORD, because He
has dealt bountifully
with me.”



4. When we stumble, it is time to talk with Him ⁽³⁾

- Asaph speaks of a similar experience in Psalm 73:
“But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; My steps had nearly slipped....when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.”



4. When we stumble, it is time to talk with Him ⁽³⁾

- Then, he finds comfort:
“When I thought how to understand this, It was too painful for me—Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then I understood their end”

