

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

*A Message of Hope and Fulfillment For Those Longing For God*

## *Physical and Spiritual Healing*

Luke 18: 35 – 19: 10

**Introduction:** Luke continues to report Jesus' progress toward Jerusalem. At the end of chapter 18 and moving into chapter 19 we have the record of two events: a man who receives his sight and another whose greedy character is transformed. In both cases salvation has come.

### **I. The Scope of Salvation**

- A. Because of our tradition, we are inclined to think of salvation only in terms of going to heaven. We ask, "Are you saved?" and we mean, "Have you trusted Jesus to forgive you and take you to heaven when you die?"
- B. The Biblical meaning of salvation is much broader. In fact, going to heaven is actually a by-product of the process.
- C. Jesus came to reverse the total effect of sin through His atonement. The root of the word *saved* means to heal or restore; and salvation includes healing and restoration of the spirit, soul (including emotions, mind, and will), and body.

### **II. Bartimaeus Receives His Sight**

- A. A desperate cry, "Have mercy on me!"
- B. A specific request
- C. Healing: Faith or Jesus?

### **III. Lunch With a Greedy Outcast**

- A. A curious little man
- B. Jesus pays attention
- C. A radical transformation
- D. The contrast between the rich ruler and the chief tax collector

**Conclusion:** Salvation is for the whole person. The new birth is instant. The restoration of the mind, will, and emotions occurs over time as we yield to the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. Physical healing can be experienced now in part, but is fully guaranteed in the resurrection when our full salvation is complete. It is God's purpose in Christ Jesus to fully redeem and restore everyone of us in every dimension.

As Jesus was approaching Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the road begging. Now hearing a crowd going by, he began to inquire what this was. They told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he called out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who led the way were sternly telling him to be quiet; but he kept crying out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and commanded that he be brought to Him; and when he came near, He questioned him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And he said, "Lord, I want to regain my sight!" And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and began following Him, glorifying God; and when all the people saw it, they gave praise to God. He entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich.

