

The Savior Who Startles Disciples

Luke 18:18-30 (part 3)

INTRODUCTION:

An often unseen reason why this exchange is so important. . . .

Jesus, by stripping away the deceptive layers of an impressive religious leader, startles His disciples with a salvation far beyond what they have anticipated.

The story divides itself into 2 sections:

I. The Stripping Process, 18:18-25.

The deceptive layers stripped away:

1. A gross overestimation of self, 18:18-21.
2. A gross underestimation of God and His Law, 18:18-21.
3. A dangerous assumption that God sees my wealth as I do, 18:22-23.
4. A deadly miscalculation of the spiritual danger wealth poses, 18:24-25.

II. The Startling Effect, 18:26-30.

Jesus describes two startling salvation realities:

1. **God is unmoved by our best for salvation, 18:26-27.**

2. Disciples underestimate God's best in salvation, 18:27-30

- *What is God's best that the disciples have not yet seen as they should?*
 - a. **His Son, Jesus Christ, 18:22, 28. In His Son, the impossible becomes possible:**
 - The guilt of sin is removed (expiation).
 - The wrath of God is removed (propitiation).
 - The righteousness of Christ is credited (justification).
 - Reconciliation.
 - Sin's power is broken.
 - A new heart with new desires is given.
 - b. **His family, the body of Christ, 18:28-30.**