

## CHAPTER 19

**A**ND it came to pass, *that* when Jesus had finished these sayings, he departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judaea beyond Jordan;

2 And great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.

3 ¶ The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made *them* at the beginning made them male and female,

5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.

9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except *it be* for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

10 ¶ His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with *his* wife, it is not good to marry.

11 But he said unto them, All *men* cannot receive this saying, save *they* to whom it is given.

12 For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from *their* mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive *it*, let him receive *it*.

13 ¶ Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put *his* hands on them, and

pray: and the disciples rebuked them.

14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

15 And he laid *his* hands on them, and departed thence.

16 ¶ And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is* none good but one, *that is*, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

18 He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,

19 Honour thy father and *thy* mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?

21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go *and* sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come *and* follow me.

22 But when the young man

heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

23 ¶ Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

25 When his disciples heard *it*, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

26 But Jesus beheld *them*, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

27 ¶ Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or

children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

30 But many *that are* first shall be last; and the last *shall be* first.

## CHAPTER 20

**F**OR the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man *that is* an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.

5 Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.

6 And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?

7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, *that* shall ye receive.

8 So when even was come, the

lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them *their* hire, beginning from the last unto the first.

9 And when they came that *were hired* about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.

10 But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.

11 And when they had received *it*, they murmured against the goodman of the house,

12 Saying, These last have wrought *but* one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.

13 But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?

14 Take *that* thine *is*, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.

15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?

16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

17 ¶ And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples

apart in the way, and said unto them,

18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death,

19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify *him*: and the third day he shall rise again.

20 ¶ Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping *him*, and desiring a certain thing of him.

21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.

23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but *it shall be given to*

*them* for whom it is prepared of my Father.

24 And when the ten heard *it*, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren.

25 But Jesus called them *unto him*, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;

27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

29. And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him.

30 ¶ And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, *thou* Son of David.

31 And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O

Lord, *thou* Son of David.

32 And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you?

33 They say unto him, Lord,

## DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Because divorce is so much a part of today's society, I feel it is necessary to comment extensively on chapter 19. In verses 1-15 Jesus was questioned about marriage and divorce. The Pharisees had interpreted Deuteronomy 24:1 to mean that a man could divorce his wife for any cause; while others held to a strict interpretation that marriage could be broken only by adultery. Jesus went beyond both these meanings and reminded the people of the original law of marriage. God instituted marriage in Eden long before the Mosaic Law. The Bible gives at least four reasons, or purposes, for marriage: (1) To continue the race (Genesis 1:25). (2) For companionship and enjoyment (Genesis 2:18). (3) To avoid fornication (I Corinthians 7:1-6). (4) To illustrate the relationship between Christ and His Church (Ephesians 5:22-33). God's original purpose was that one man should wed one woman and only death would break that union (Romans 7:1-3). In marriage, two shall become one flesh. The union of marriage is even stronger than family ties, for a man is to leave his father and mother and cleave unto his wife. It is a sacred union, for Jesus said that God joins a man and woman together.

Jesus is questioned about Moses' written law of divorcement in Deuteronomy 24:1. Jesus said, in Matthew 19:8, that Moses' law was given "because of the hardness of your hearts...but from the beginning it was not so." In verse 9 He says, "...Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery."

It is my firm belief that only two things can break the marriage union—death and fornication. There is a slight difference of opinion between fundamentalists concerning divorce. Many pastors have taken the stand mentioned above, while others take an even firmer stand that they feel is taught in Romans 7:1-3. They feel that nothing separates husband and wife except death. Therefore, as long as a husband and wife are living, it is adultery if either remarries, under any circumstances. Among this faction of fundamentalists there are those who believe that, even in the

that our eyes may be opened.

34 So Jesus had compassion *on them*, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

case of adultery, it is the responsibility of the Christian husband or wife to forgive and be reconciled to each other.

Our laws today make divorce easy. One-third to one-half of all marriages have deteriorated into divorce, mainly because marriage has become only a physical union, and has not been entered into wisely. The only lasting marriage is one that is founded in Christ; and a lasting home is grounded in Him.

## PROVERB FOR TODAY

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver" (Proverbs 25:11).

## TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

**ASSIGNMENT 31:** For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 7.

## BIRTHDAY TODAY

### CORA TURNER BROWN

## ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1936

### THE FAMOUS MISSIONARY GOFORTH OF CHINA DIED.

Here is a story of Christian grace and sacrifice. He died right after preaching. Let us pray for missionaries in general and for some specifically today.

1890

### EDDIE RICKENBACKER WAS BORN.

1004 B.C.

### THE APPROXIMATE DATE OF THE SOLEMN ASSEMBLY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE.

II Chronicles 7:9

1871

### THE CHICAGO FIRE BEGAN.

Tradition says that it began when Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over the milk bucket. Whatever caused it, its results were devastating: 250 were killed, 150,000

were left homeless, 17,450 buildings were destroyed and much other tragedy was caused.

One of the most interesting things about the fire was the story of Dwight Moody's sermon shortly before the fire. Someone has said that Mr. Moody preached a sermon on the subject, "What Will You Do with Jesus?" He asked the people to think about it for a week and come back with their answer seven days later. Many of these people were killed in the fire before having a chance to give their answer. It is said that Mr. Moody was heartbroken, and an impact for good was left upon his ministry as he realized again the urgency of receiving Jesus Christ.

Maybe we should pause today and thank God for our fire departments—these unnoticed, unseen, and

oftentimes unappreciated guardians of the safety of our homes, our property, and our lives.

## **ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY**

**1775**

Council of general officers decided to bar slaves and free blacks from Continental Army.

**1969**

Police officers and blacks exchanged sniper fire on Chicago's West Side. One youth was killed and nine policemen were injured.

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# Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

## MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

### EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION: FULFILLED PROMISES TO ISRAEL

(Assignment 31)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV page.)

#### **Regathered to their own land.** (587 B.C.)

( ) Ezekiel 36:24

For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. (Fulfilled in 1948.)

#### **Regathered in unbelief.**

( ) Romans 11:25

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

#### **Regathered after led captve into all nations.** (70 A.D. to 1948 A.D.)

( ) Luke 21:24

And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

#### **Restoration to be permanent.**

( ) Amos 9:15

And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God.

#### **Restoration will be spiritual.**

( ) Romans 11:26

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.