

Desire To See Jesus

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[0 : 00] Welcome. Thank you for choosing to listen to another word-filled message by David Entry. Preaching is the means by which God manifests His word and nourishes our spirits.

May the life of God enter into you anew as you listen to this message. Be blessed. Chapter 19 verse 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Maybe we'll just say 5 and then we'll go to John chapter 12 verse 21.

He says that, for to which of the angels has He ever said, sit on my right hand? He said when He created the heavens, He didn't give the angels charge to be in charge.

But as one saith in one place, what is man that are so mindful of him, that that makes him a little lower than angels, that crown him with honor and has put all things under his feet.

Verse 8 says that, but we do not see... Don't worry, just stay in Luke chapter 19. I'll come back to that. Verse 8 says that, but we don't see everything under his feet yet.

[1 : 09] Alright, so He said, you have put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that He put all things in subjection under his feet. He left nothing that is not put under Him. But now we do not see all things put under His feet.

But we see Jesus. Say we see Jesus. We see Jesus. We see Jesus. We do not see everything, but we see Jesus. Alright. We see. Not we saw.

Not we will see. Stuck in present and so. What hasn't happened that originally was supposed to happen, which we can't see happening, we can't see it in Jesus.

So He said, we don't see life under control the way we should, but we see Jesus. I want you to know, I want you to know that if you can't see Jesus, you'll be fine. If you can't see Jesus.

That's what I would say is that, look in Hebrews chapter 12, verse 1, verse 2, said, looking unto Jesus. Say, looking unto Jesus. He said, looking unto Jesus.

[2 : 12] He is the beginner and the finisher. In between is all Him. He starts it and He finishes it. So the author and the finisher of our faith, looking unto Jesus.

Looking unto, because we do not see everything in subjection to you. Financial life is not in subjection. Some of you, health life is not really in full subjection. Some of you, marital life, family life is not really in subjection.

Your career, your education, your business is not really in subjection. Your ministry, your spiritual life, it's not really in subjection. But I said, well, even though we don't see everything in subjection the way we want, but we see Jesus.

And so, in Luke chapter 19, Bible says that, he went to the city, he went to the town, and there was a man, he said, Jesus entered, Jesus entered and passed through Jericho, verse 2.

Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, says Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. A tax collector was a spiritual dam.

[3 : 13] A tax collector was someone who is spiritually disconnected. So he was a tax collector, but spiritually disconnected.

Spiritually disconnected. And so, something was out of order. Even though one thing seemed okay, his job seemed okay, because if you're a tax collector, and those days, you had a lot of money.

Because, if like, I'm a tax man for the Roman government, and you owe tax, I look at you, maybe, your company, is worth, maybe at the end of the year, turnover is, 100,000.

And you are supposed to, let's say, pay a tax of 20,000. I can choose to collect 60,000, and give the 20 to the Roman government. Who dare you say, you won't pay the tax.

You will lose the whole business. So, so that's what the tax, the tax collectors can collect, any amount of money they want from you. And just give a portion, little portion.

[4 : 17] The Roman government knew, that by who him bothered, they were working for him. The tax collectors were working for the government, so that's fine. So, everybody hated tax collectors.

Tax collectors were criminals, were thieves, and they were traitors.

They were traitors, because they were working for the occupation, the enemies. So, if you are a tax collector, you can't even go to the synagogue. When you come to the synagogue, anyone sees you, will move from you.

No one will sit in there, because you are a tax collector. That is why Jesus told the story about, that tax collector, in Luke chapter 18, verse 11, 12, 13, and 14. It says that, two people went to the church, to go and pray.

One was a Pharisee, stood far outside, and he said, God, and beat his chest. No, he said, God, I thank you that, I am not like the other men, as touchless, unjust, and adulterous, even as, say, on

lector standing very far, would not so much as raise his eyes. He can't even look up. God is so bad. Would not even raise his, but beat his breast, saying, God, have mercy on me as sinner. God.

[5 : 46] He said, the one who cried out for mercy's prayer was hurt. He said, I tell you, this man went down to his house, justified rather than the other.

For even, for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. He didn't go home because he was a tax collector, but because of the disposition of his heart, he said, God, I just need you.

I just need you. Don't, tax collectors were bad. If you're a tax collector, you are like somebody the government is trying to justify. In a revival meeting.

If you're a tax collector, you are like a prostitute. Who's going to church? You just left the brothel, you finish work, and you've come to church, and come into town, show your part.

You can't. You hire them back there. Because if you have conscience, you're like, you can't be doing that. You can't be doing that. So he couldn't lift his eyes.

[6 : 50] So tax collectors, and so there was this tax collector, say tax collector. Tax collector. What's his name? His name was Zacchaeus. And he was rich.

I mean, obviously, tax collectors were rich. He was rich. Go to the next verse quickly. And he sought, listen, see, he was tax collector, but he had one thing.

What did he have? He sought to see Jesus. We do not see everything in subjection, but we see Jesus. So, listen, if you seek to see Jesus, once you seek to see Jesus, you find him.

Doesn't matter the condition you are in. Doesn't matter the condition your family situation is in. The condition your financial situation is a condition your family, your health, your, your, your, your, you know, career, business.

Listen, those things don't matter. You may not, you may not see everything in subjection, but if you can seek to see Jesus, your tax collectorship does not matter anymore.

[7 : 53] There are some things in our lives, which we, we, we, we, we are responsible for them happening. And we know we deserve that kind of suffering. But the devil is a liar.

That I said, the devil is a liar. If you can desire to see Jesus and ask mercy, Jesus, I just need you. We come here every evening. This three months to come and pray Jesus to see Jesus.

Because we want to experience God. We want to experience, that's the, what this whole prayer about. You came as experience God. Once again, it's called.

We are going to, by God's grace, listen, brothers and sisters, join me. We are determined, join me. We are going to change the, the, the course of history. Change the course of history.

It will, pastor, it will enter into the history books. The second great awakening. Amen. The second great awakening.

[8 : 56] In the United Kingdom, the first one was John, Charles Wesley Dempsey, the Athanas Methodist Church. When the revival started, all that, that reformation, and that revival movement.

This season, we are going to believe God, and provoke a second great awakening. Amen. Amen. So, Zacchaeus said, I want to see Jesus.

He wanted to see Jesus. So, and, and he sought to see, who Jesus was, but could not, because, of the crowd, for he was a short, he was, of short stature.

Verse four, so he ran ahead, he checked where Jesus was going to pass, ran ahead, climbed up, into a cyclical tree, to see him.

Why did he climb? Why did he climb? To see him. To see who? Yes. Why did he climb? To see Jesus. Why did he climb? To see Jesus.

[9 : 59] A desire to see Jesus, can make a big difference, for your destiny. Doesn't matter your background. If you can keep that desire aflame, you will always be at the top.

He paid the price to climb a tree. You could have fallen. There is always a could have happened wrong. Anytime you are pursuing something, not pursuing, or worthy of pursuing.

So, there are always other things you could do, but choose to do what needs to be done. To give you an upper hand tomorrow. So, he sought to see Jesus.

So, he went and climbed a tree. He climbed a tree, where he knew Jesus was going to pass. Climb to see him, for he was going to pass that way.

Verse 5. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and saw him, and said, Zacchaeus, come down quickly. Make haste, and come down.

[11 : 02] For today, I must stay at you. He said, I must. hosting Jesus, you must start, it must start with a desire to see him. He said, I must.

He said, why? Calm down. Don't waste time up there. Don't waste time up there. Because today, he didn't say, I am coming there. He said, something has compelled me to stay at your house.

Wow. Wow. He said, today, I must stay at your house. for this thing you have done, you wanted to see me. In the book of John, chapter 12, verse 21, some people came to the disciples of Jesus Christ, and they also said the same thing.

John, chapter 12, verse 21, they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, sir, we wish to see Jesus.

Am I talking to someone here, who wished to see Jesus? As many as seek the Lord, they will find him. Amen. Let this be your overarching desire.

[12 : 10] You know, human beings, we easily get preoccupied by different things. It's natural with us. We are always preoccupied by something else. One of the things that can preoccupy us is worldliness.

Have you remember when you see a particular shoe you are trying to buy, and then they take a walk out and come out? You see a house you are trying to rent, and in that, or you go, you are praying at this estate, it just won't tell you, don't call you baggage. You know, I'm talking about, oh, you see something, you won't.

Sometimes, those days when I saw equipment, maybe, like this microphone, my friend bought it from America, it was always, I won't close the page. Every time, every now and then, I go and look at it, you know, it's human.

But if it's going, if it's not going to cause you distraction, that's fine. You see, some of us, sometimes you can't sleep. Your phone is, but you are waiting for her to just send a text, hi.

I'm talking about your wife. I doubt to be, or your wife has traveled. So, we easily get preoccupied by things, because we are human beings.

[13 : 25] I want you to make it a conscious effort that you will be preoccupied with the desire to see Jesus. Preoccupied. Another way of putting it, I'm so much in love with God.

I want God. I'm willing to walk away from every other thing so I can secure God. That's what will distinguish you in this season. Someone say, we want to see Jesus.

If you want to see Jesus, say, I want to see Jesus. Say it again, I want to see Jesus. For most of us, we prioritize other things by God.

You know, God said, prioritize me. Seek ye first the kingdom and its righteousness. And all the other things that I put are prioritizing, will be getting, will be added. You don't have to go and get it. It will come to you. So, God takes the responsibility of him adding, not replacing. Say, seek ye first the kingdom of God and all other things shall be added.

[14 : 28] Who is going to do the addition? God himself shall add it. You will have a peaceful marriage. Don't be stressed about the fact that you are not yet married.

Don't worry about it. You don't have a man. Don't worry about it. Have Jesus. Get busy taking him more Jesus, seeing Jesus. Your marriage will be sorted. And you have a good, it's not everyone who gets married who gets good marriage.

Yeah. Some people get married and then they have high blood pressure. They have low blood pressure. others get married and they are forever unhappy.

Others get married and the one they got married to has ended because of the one they got married to. The person's medical condition or something, they are now having all kinds of children that is keeping them in hospital.

Think about what I said. See Jesus. You understand what I'm saying? Yeah. See Jesus. If you want to see Jesus, say, I want to see Jesus.

[15:37] I want to see Jesus. Shout, I want to see Jesus. I want to see Jesus. Zacchaeus paid the price. If you look at the price you pay for seeing Jesus, it's far below the benefits you get for seeing Jesus.

Remember that. If you consider the price you pay for seeing Jesus, the price looks much more expensive or high when you compare yourself to others and you focus on others.

That's why it says they're looking unto Jesus, the utter and the finisher. If you look at what others are saying, if you look at what others are doing which you could have also done, if you look at the way some of the girls, you are far prettier than.

Far prettier. I'm talking far with a double, a triple R, several R's at the back of your far. Far prettier than. Let me say it like an Arab, far, far, India, far prettier than.

You are far prettier than. And you look at them and some men, one is paying their car finance, the other one is paying their mortgage.

[16:47] And they keep changing their shoes, keep changing their dress, keep changing their hair, keep changing their looks. and you look at them and you know that this one, you are far. If you should step on the market, they will be dropped on the market.

But, but, but, you are just paying the price to see Jesus. Paying the price. You will have a peaceful future.

Amen. Well, they will have, Kobabo says that anyone who listens to my words and put them into action is like the one who builds his house on a rock. Anyone who listens to my words and does not put it, listen, listens to my words and does not put it into action.

So, if you don't hear at all yours, your situation is even worse. Because, if you listen to my words and put them into action, it's like a man who is building his house on a rock. If you listen to my words and don't put it into action, it's like, the listening is what makes you build.

Listen, you are building something. But it says that life, storms will come. How many of you have noticed that by now? That difficult times come in life.

[17:50] Sometimes they come from places you never thought to come in and it just blows you off course. It says that in the times of storms, what you did with the word you heard is what guarantees your future.

So, seek Jesus. Tell someone, seek Jesus. Tell someone, seek to see Jesus. Now, it's not just seeking to hang around.

When you come, block your mind from everything negative and be determined that I need to experience God. Do you understand what I'm saying? I need to experience God. I need to encounter God.

And your life, the rest will be history. Success story. I can see a success story in my face before my eyes. You are the biggest success story in your family.

I just professed us. I didn't get it. I said, you are the biggest success story in your family. You are the biggest success story from your background.

[18:52] You are the biggest success story in London. Hey, hey, hey. Carice, we are the biggest success story in London church life. We are the biggest success story because we want to see Jesus.

Because we are seeing Jesus. Because we are having God and God encounter. We are having a God experience in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Amen. So shall it be. Amen. Just lift up your rise up, lift up your hands and say, God, I don't want to be distracted. I make a commitment that I'll seek you.

I'll pursue you. Begin to pray just that short prayer. Lord, I make a commitment to pursue you. I make a commitment to seek you. I make a commitment to go all out for you. In the mighty name of Jesus.

In the mighty name of Jesus. Father, we thank you. Thank you for listening to this message by David Entry. To hear more from David Entry, follow him on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

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