

PRAYER

“Lord, help me know Your ways and teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, because You are the God who saves me. I am always looking to You for help.” Amen. (Ps 25:4-5)

Memory

1. “Do not steal” (Exodus 20:15).
2. “You are saved by a gift of grace which you get by faith. You didn’t do it. It is God’s gift. It isn’t because of anything you have done, or you might boast. He has made us what we are, creating us in Christ Jesus to do good works, in which God long ago planned for us to live” (Ephesians 2:8-10).

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Study #08 of 13: Zacchaeus Repents (Luke 19)

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Seventh Commandment *Zacchaeus Repents*



God says to you in the seventh commandment,
“Do not steal”
(Exodus 20:15).

THIS MEANS you must do what you are able
to restore your neighbor’s losses back to him.

Bible Reading: Luke 19:1-10

Questions and Answers

For Understanding This Bible Story

1. What was Zacchaeus' job? How did the people feel about Zacchaeus?

Zacchaeus was “an overseer of tax collectors and was rich.” Many people hated Zacchaeus because of this. Tax collectors had a bad reputation for collecting more taxes than they were supposed to collect, then keeping the extra money for themselves. The people thought that Zacchaeus and others like him were terrible sinners. That is why they complained about Jesus, saying, “He went to be the guest of a sinful man.”

2. Why did Jesus want to come to Zacchaeus' house?

Jesus explained why He wanted to visit Zacchaeus. He said, “The Son of Man came to look for and save the lost.” With these Words, Jesus was saying that He knew all about Zacchaeus: Zacchaeus was lost in sin. Jesus does not want to stay away from sinners! Jesus came to save Zacchaeus and all people from their sins.

3. Is Zacchaeus the only person Jesus came to seek and to save?

No. Jesus came to seek and save you, your family, and all people. As God says to you elsewhere in His Bible, Jesus “has paid for our sins, and not for ours only but for the whole world” (1 John 2:2). God also says, “Your sins are forgiven for His sake” (1 John 2:12).

4. God says to you in His Bible, “You are saved by a gift of grace which you get by faith. You didn't do it. It is God's gift. It isn't because of anything you have done, or you might boast. He has made us what we are, creating us in Christ Jesus to do good works, in which God long ago planned for us to live” (Ephesians 2:8-10).

a. What did Zacchaeus want to do as a result of Jesus coming and saving him?

Zacchaeus said, “Look, Lord, half of my property I'm giving to the poor, and if I've cheated anyone, I'm paying him back four times as much.” Because he was so happy about the gift of forgiveness Jesus gave to him, Zacchaeus wanted to use his wealth to love and serve his neighbor. Zacchaeus did this, not to gain salvation, but as a RESULT of being saved by Jesus.

b. What does this story of Jesus forgiving Zacchaeus teach you about your life?

Zacchaeus teaches two wonderful things: First, no one is so terribly sinful that Jesus does not want to be with him or her! No matter what things have happened in your life, or how bad you feel about your sins, Jesus still loves you. He came to save you. Just as He wanted to be with Zacchaeus, Jesus also wants to be with you.

The second wonderful thing about this story is the power of Jesus' forgiveness in Zacchaeus' life. Zacchaeus wanted to stop hurting other people. He wanted to stop sinning against them. Because Jesus forgave Zacchaeus, Zacchaeus now wanted to show similar love to others around him.

This same power of Jesus' forgiveness has also come into your life. Now, because Jesus loves you and forgives you all your sins, you are free to love others in the same way that Zacchaeus did.