



The Way of Clarity

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INTRODUCTION

- There are no other stories before the time of Jesus Christ of the healing of the blind. Not a single one.
- What Jesus is actually going to do in these two chapters is expose that human thinking or worldly thinking is that which is upside down.
- What Jesus is trying to provide for his disciples and any who will listen is clarity about where his kingdom is headed and what this is going to mean for them.

1 Obedience Is Submission to Divine Intent

Matthew 19:3–12; Matthew 19:16–22

- Obedience is about submission to divine intent. It's about submission or putting ourselves under the heart of God, pursuing that, and not merely rules, not chasing technicalities and loopholes.
- What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.
- But have you not read? Have you not seen the bigger principles that God has given us in Scripture?
- That is Jesus' kingdom principle about divorce. The two become one, don't separate.
- And so it's not just about keeping some laws and rules. It's about seeking God's heart.
- So obtaining eternal life is not about quantity or magnitude of good deeds. It's about a willingness to submit our heart to God.

2 Human Fairness Versus Divine Generosity

Matthew 19:27–30; Matthew 20:1–16

- God seeks equality with all, but not in the way that humans would. God's not interested in just the best and the brightest.
- It's not Jesus that's upside down, it's us that's upside down.
- It's not about the quantity or the magnitude of what you can do. It's about your willingness to serve him in whatever way you're able to serve him.
- Stop the comparisons. Stop worrying about what's fair and what I deserve.
- What you do have to offer is a heart of dedication to the Lord, and that's exactly what he wants.
- God's not poor. He can be generous to all of us, and he is.

3 True Greatness Comes Through Service, Not Status

Matthew 20:20–28

- True greatness comes through service and not status. Avoid self-promotion. And look for sacrificial service and self-sacrifice.

- When you put yourself first, and you're trying to promote yourself and elevate yourself and exalt who you are and all of that, you're gonna be last.
- If you are the kind of person who humbly serves the master whatever he needs, then ironically, you will be first.
- God thinks those people are important and they matter to him.
- What actually matters is loving your neighbor as yourself, and this guy's unwilling to do that.
- Greatness is not caught up in those titles. You can be a servant, a humble servant, doing what you can do without any kind of title.

THE CHALLENGE

Are we comfortable in our blindness? Seeing the world through unclear lenses, or can we say with the blind men, Lord, let our eyes be opened.

MY NOTES
