

(1). "How to reach the Ear of God".

Intro:- (1). And my sincere and heart-felt greetings to all of you people in the beautiful Okanagan Valley, and all this surrounding country. I feel like no stranger to you for here is the scene of some of my happy boyhood days. May God bless us all together through His precious Word.

(2). Read a portion with me. You will find it in Mark 10:46-52.

A plain, true story from earthly life of our wonderful Saviour...about a very ordinary man with serious handicap. Son of Timaeus...a well-known blind beggar of Jericho. And in this tale there are four salient facts...each one of them with an important, inner, spiritual meaning for every one of us. Now May God's H.S. show them to us.

1. First fact herein I have called "The Call of Urgency".

(a). For that blind man time was fast running out. He had long heard of Jesus of Nazareth...the great Healer. Fame even said he restored sight to blind. BUT Jesus had come to Jericho...and now LEAVING CITY...for last time...to go to Jerusalem. Appointment with death...A Cross on Golgotha. For this man...last moment...last opport...And so his cry was Call of Urgency. (b). Neighbour...it may be you have heard much of Jesus X...power to save sinners...expect some day call on Him for help you need...BUT WHEN? Jesus is passing by today...perhaps never again to come your way. God says "Now is the day of salvation...now is the accepted time. Let me solemnly adjure you to call on Him today. c/f deat (b)vv

2. Second fact I have named "The Cry for Help".

(a). Hear him! "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me" He grasped the moment. "Hold your peace! Quiet! Stop noise!"..But "he cried the more a great deal, "Thou son of David, have mercy on me". What this mean? Here was a man who knew his need. Not for religion, philosophy, scientific knowledge, justice...One thing "MERCY!" A touch from God! (b). Do you know why many do not come to X for help? Never learned how great is need of sinful human soul...spiritually blind...unable see truth. But true of all of us. We need healing cleansing touch from X. You? First step to God. "X Jesus...to save sinners".

3. Third fact is that the Critical moment came.

(b). "Jesus stood still". O what grace! On way to that awful sacrifice on Calvary. Yet patient...pitiful...to heed cry of blind beggar. Then strange question..."What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?" Had he not already

cried plainly for "mercy"? Yes, but Jesus asked him to make his specific request. Not just a general "Bless me, Lord". Personal, precise need.. "Lord, that I might receive my sight". (b) Ah, here is something for us to heed. Have you ever, in quiet of own heart..room..alone..said, "Lord..THIS is what I need. THIS. Forgiveness of sin..cleansing of heart, mind" "Salvation for my soul. Peace with God.. Heaven assured". Do it. For this the Saviour always waits. Ask Him plainly.

4. The fourth and last part.. "The consequent blessing".

(a). "He received his sight, and followed Jesus". The two always go together. A double consequence. Who wouldn't follow the One who does so much for us. (b). Neighbour, all of us need a touch from Jesus X..Son of God..Saviour from heaven.

"Jesus paid it all..All to Him I owe..Sin had left a crimson stain...He washed it white as snow. *JOHN. 3:16*

Jesus of Nazareth passes by your heart's door today..Call on Him NOW..Confess that sin, that urgent need..Ask Him to do for you what you can never do for yourself..Ask Him to save you// and receive Him by FAITH..Hear Him then.."Thy faith hath saved thee". Then joyfully follow Him..until follow Him some day to heaven.

God bless every one of you as you take that first step..NOW.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

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