

## Mark 10:17 (Ralph Gordon Rule) 215144

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Could we return together to the 10th chapter of the Gospel of Mark? Mark Gospel, chapter 10. Voice 17. When he has gone forth into the way. There came one running. And kneeled to him and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why call us thou, me good? There is none good but one, that is God. Thou knowest the commandment. Do not come out of boundaries, or do not come out of Galway. Do not kill, do not steal, do not bear false witness, Be thawed, not honor thy Father and mothers. And he answered, he said unto your Master, All these things. If I observe from my youth Jesus, then Jesus beholding him. Loved him, and said unto him. One thing now like it, show thy way somewhat, so ever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven. And come take up the cross and follow me. And he was sad at that thing and went away. Breathe, for he had great possession. I'd like to read in the end of the chapter. About another individual, starting with verse 40. They came to Jericho, and as he went out of pardon me, verse 46. They came to Jericho, and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and the great number of people. Lying bar to me as the son of Timius sat by the highway side begging. Wanting heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. And many charged him that he should hold his keys, that he tried the more a great deal. Thou, Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood still. And commanded him to be called. When they called the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort. Why he calleth me? And he is casting away his garment Rose. And came to Jesus. Jesus answered and said unto him, Thought, Wilt thou? What I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way. Thy faith hath made behold. And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus. In the way. We have here in this portion, dear friends. Two men. That were brought into contact with the Lord Jesus Christ. But I desire tonight. With the large cup. To bring you into contact with that same blessed person. The Lord Jesus. As the savior spinners. The word of God tells us that all of sin. And so you and I, dear friends, everyone in this room tonight. I finished, but they had two classes of sinners in the room. I wonder which plants you fall into? Why sinners that have been saved by the grace of God? And no doubt there are sinners in this room tonight. Who are on their way to a lost eternity. Surprise you and dear friend. I asked you that. In order that you might bring yourself into God's presence and answer that in His presence. Because our purpose in being here is to bring Christ before you. As a living, loving Savior with the desire that if you have never received him as his Savior.

But you might be brought to trust in him tonight. Now to get to the chapter that we read in the 17th verse, it says when he was gone forth into the way. The way. He was on the way to Jerusalem. To suffer and die on Calvary's costs. And it's only because he did suffer and die on Calvary's thoughts and shed his precious blood. That we can present him tonight to you as a savior. Well, even though he was on the way to that process of suffering and change. He was ever ready to meet people in their need. And their friend is ready to meet you in your need tonight. I don't care how great it is. The two men that we read about here that were brought into contact with him, they had a need. And they perhaps might represent or bring before the two extremities of society. The first one that we read about. And I came running. By the way. He made some mistakes. This rich young man, but he made no mistake in coming running. Word to God that that might be your attitude tonight, desirous of getting into the presence of the One who can bless you. And put your sins away and make you a child of God. Well, he came running. But this young man, we find here that he was well to do. If we were to turn to, I believe it's Luke Gospel, the 18th chapter. We find that he was a ruler. He was one that had man speaks of the social ladder. He's one of those at the top, as it were. One of those that no doubt his fellow men looked up to. He was rich. He was a ruler. Undoubtedly respected in his community. But he had a need of the Savior. A man that we read about in the latter part of the chapter. He was lying, a beggar. Others would say he was at the bottom of that social ladder. He was one that found his need. But you know, it's nice and when we have the word of God bringing. Different types of individuals before us, whether the up and outer or the down and outer in the book of Jude. We there it speaks of bringing to them the common salvation. Now in the word of God speaks of a common salvation. It isn't Speaking of something that's cheap nor the salvation of the soul. The price was higher than anything material. Let's take a. The cost of the salvation of the soul is the death of the Lord Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son. So salvation isn't something cheap, but when the Word of God speaks of a common salvation, it's a salvation. The same salvation whether one is a respected individual in his community and one that's looked up to or whether it's one that's a down and outer. Or someone that falls somewhat in between. Whatever your state before God, dear friends, there's only one salvation. Yes, common salvation that we're going to speak for the Lord help to bring before you tonight. Wow, this young ruler became running, and he kneeled before the Lord and asked him, Good master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? Now he made two mistakes in that one little sentence. First of all, he called the Lord Master. Master, I understand the word in the original is more features teachers.

But you know, dear friend, there's no blessing for a soul. Until he first learns to know the Lord as saviors, I wonder if you've been bought to know Him as your savior. You know, another ruler spoke of him as a teacher. And the third chapter of John's Gospel we find Nicodemus, the ruler of a Jew. He came and said, Rabbi, we know that I had a teacher come from God and so forth. And you know what the Lord told him. He said ye must be born again. I remember over 20 / 30 years ago a brother. Speaking on this portion down in Kentucky at the tent meeting and he asked his audience, he said, you know, you wouldn't think of putting a school house in the very middle of a large cemetery, would you? No, you can't teach. People would have died. Well, dear friend, you're dead in trespasses and sins. That's what this word tells me if you don't know Christ as your Savior. You're dead in trespasses and sins. You need to be born again. Have you been born again? Are you trusting in the Lord Jesus? All the starting point is to be brought to know Him as a savior, not a teacher. Jesus said unto him, Why call us down me good? There is none good but one that is God. Well, I wanted to make one thing clear. The Lord Jesus, while he was a true man, he was, he was God, God manifest in the flesh. But this ruler that came to him did not recognize him. He didn't realize he was speaking to God. God become flesh in the person of the Lord Jesus. And so. When he called him good master, the Lord said there is none good but one that is God. We hadn't recognized him as God. Now I mentioned that this young man made two mistakes. The first one was filing the Lord Jesus the teacher. The second one was saying what shall? I do that I may inherit eternal life. You know, there are lots of souls today that are on the same ground as

this young man, on the ground of that two letter word do. Many souls are trying to work their way into heaven. But the salvation that we're here to speak to you tonight isn't one of those two letter word do. It's one of the four letter word done, DONE, done. The words that we're seeking to bring before you tonight is a finished work, one that the Lord Jesus accomplished, the Calvary Cross. He was hung on that classic game. And he was very shamefully treated. They put a crown of horns on his head in mockery. He was the true king of the Jews. But they put that crown of true forms on his head in mockery. They stood in his blessed face, they smote him with a Reed, and they said all manner of shameful things against him. But all those sufferings at the hand of man couldn't save your soul or mine, dear friend. But in the last three hours, God had this scene in darkness. And in those last three hours? The Lord Jesus. Took the sinner's place, stood in the sinner's room instead. And as the prophet Isaiah said, he was wounded for our transgressions. He was ruled for our iniquities. The cast has been of our peace was laid upon him, and with his strife we are healed. Yes, in those last three hours, the Lord Jesus, as I said, stood in the sinner's room and said I'm not why God first took him. That's why he had to cry out on that toss. My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Our friend, he was first taken, but you might not need to be forsaken. But I'll say this if you don't receive that blessed 1 as your Savior. You will be forsaken of God, as it were, for all eternity. You will be cast into that place of outer darkness where there is weeping and wailing and mashing of peace. Oh, dear friend, the little of him that we sang brought before the brevity of life.

Let's let's get these guys want their life and this evening is a vapor that appears a little while vanishes away, but you have no lease on life if you were to die tonight. Where would you spend eternity? Will you answer that question seriously in God's presence? Would it be with Christ and his redeemed and blind, or would it be with the devil and his right and devil and his angels and the lost ones that spend eternity in hell? You're headed one place or the other, dear friend. It's either heaven, Christ, and glory, or it's a lost eternity to be spent in that place of outer darkness. You have no lease on life as I said and so when he seriously consider the matter that we're seeking to bring before you tonight. You need a Savior, and are you seeking the blame before you, the one who can meet you in that lead, the one who died on Calvin strong that your sins might be put away. The scripture says Christ just once suffered through things and just. Yes, He was the just one, the just for the unjust. That's what you and I are. Everyone in this room. My nature is unjust. Christ just once suffered for families of just. For the angels, that he might bring us to God. Well, and so we save you tonight. What's the Lord that has accomplished the work of redemption? And so we can say, be it known unto you, man, rather than through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins, and by him all a believer justified from all things. Yes, it's through this man and through his sufferings and death, while this young man, he was going to come not on the ground. Of the work of another. But what shall I do now? The Lord met him on his own terms. And as it were, put him to the test. Now in Matthew's Gospel there are few words. In that passage, the same incident that I liked. And so I'm going to suggest that we just look at a few verses in the 19th chapter of Matthew, Matthew 19. You'll notice in verse 16. You have the same question, good master. What good things do I do that I may have eternal life? The Lord answered him, and in the middle of the 17th verse. If thou wilt enter into life. Keep the commandments now when the Lord said if thou Lander into life, he meant. Light on this earth. If man had kept the commandments. He might have lived forever on this earth. Nobody ever kept them. And when the Lord told that to this young man, he. Who says Anthony Adam verse 18 which Jesus said thyself be no murder, thou shalt not commit a dollar, I shall not feel, I shall not bear false witness. Honor thy father and thy mother, and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept for my youth. Of what lack I yet? Well, he may have thought that he had kept them all from his youth up, but he hadn't noticed the end of that 19 vote. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. He didn't love his neighbors as himself. The Lord put him to the test on that. And, my dear friend, you don't either. You know, I often think of an incident that a preacher of the gospel told once. That brings this home very easily. If you were coming home some night on a dark night and you heard the fire engines. We saw them turn down the street that he lived on and he saw them going down. You live two blocks away from where they turned on to their St. and it looked like the fire was right in your neighborhood. You weren't sure whether it was your house or one of your next door neighbors. That would be the first thought in your mind. Oh, I hope it is my home. Friend, we don't love our neighbors ourselves. No, this man, he said all these things I kept for my use up. What lack I Yes, well he lacks the love for his neighbor as himself. And there's something else I thought he lacks. He lacks it through appreciation.

Of the Lord Jesus Christ and the wondrous person that he is, but taking them one at a time. He said he loved his neighbors himself. The Lord put him to the test. He said, If thou be perfect, gold shall that thou hast them give to the poor. Well, that wouldn't have been too hard to do. If he loved his neighbors himself, he would have been happy to share everything he had with his neighbors. He could have found plenty that had a need. Now then, the Lord said, now shall have faith in heaven, and come follow me. Oh yes, if you want to be perfect, follow the perfect one. Well, he didn't have the power to do it. And it says when the young man heard that saying, he went away. Sorrowful boy had great possessions. Oh dear friend, what bad words, he went away. What are you going to do with the Lord Jesus tonight? Have you heard of His love and grace in the past? Have you turned your back on Him in the past? How about it, dear young friends? There are some here, many here. Would have heard the gospel many times that perhaps have never trusted in the Lord. If you've never received the Lord, you in effect have done like this young man. He went away. You turned your back on him. All I say to you, I plead with you, don't turn your back on that blessed Savior tonight. He loves you. He died for you. He wants to save you and tomorrow might be too late. Tomorrow might be too late. The word of God says, behold now as the accepted time. Behold, now is the day of salvation. All dear friends, you may not be here tomorrow. I was awakened, not asleep, early one morning by a flood outside our house. The window was open. I had no idea when I heard it what it was. But it's so unusual. And I got up, we just beginning, it had just broken. The daylight was just coming through and I looked out, wasn't very long before I saw an ambulance come up and then then a police car and. First thing, you know a lot of activity outside. Well, to be brief about it, what had happened was this. Some woman driving along. Had run into a telephone pole. Across the street, right across from my bedroom window. They got a man, brought an ambulance out, but before she got to the hospital she was dead. Life is very uncertain and you don't know that you'll be living this time tomorrow, and for that matter. All of the Lords may not be here tomorrow. Most of us, many of us here in this room, are waiting for a shout. The Lord is going to call his own home to be with himself and glory. If that shout came while this meeting was on, how many would be left here sitting in their seat? How about it, dear friend, if the Lord came? And call always redeem home. Would your seat still be occupied? Ah, dear friend, now is the accepted time. Don't put off a decision for Christ. Open your heart to Him now. Don't be like this rich young ruler. He went away. But pathetic words I'm happy to say in the end of our chapter. We have a much happier ending about that tour lying bagel that we read about. Shall we turn to that for a moment? Mark Back to Mark's Gospel, chapter 10. At least verse 46 as they came to Jericho. He went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people. Lying Bartimaeus, the son of Timmy is sat by the highway side begging well here was one we've already commented on the fact that this young man he felt his need oh you know it's a wonderful thing when a soul. Feels their needs before God is a Sinner. Have you ever felt your need of a savior, dear friend? Now I realize the need is of a different character here with flying Bartimaeus. That is the need that's brought before us. But this is a little picture of you and me. It's remarkable.

The way in which bottom is there's a picture of every one of us. First of all, he was blind. You might say, well, I'm not blind. Ah, dear friend, in one sense. If you don't know the Lord Jesus as your Savior, your blind spiritually. In the 26th chapter of Acts we have the Apostle Paul telling of his conversions and after the Lord. After he was brought to trust in the Lord, he said to the Lord Jesus, Lord, what must I have me to do? And God told him that he was going to deliver them from. His people and he was going to send him far heads to the Gentiles and you know, the next thing he said, he said. Open their eyes. And to turn them from darkness to light. And from the power of Satan under God. Oh dear friend, have you ever had your eyes opened? I am Speaking of morally, spiritually. Have you ever had your eyes opened to see beauty in the Lord Jesus Christ? To open their eyes. Oh, you know, the apostle later on says in writing to the Corinthians, if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost, in whom the God of this world hath blinded the eyes of them that believe not. Oh, dear friend, if you're not saved, you're lost. If you've never seen the beauty of this gospel that the apostle Paul speaks of. If our purse will be headed is head to them that are lost. If you're not saved tonight, dear friend and on your way to glory, you're lost and on your way to a lost eternity. Well. If our gospel be hidden that are lost, in whom the God of this world has blinded the eyes of them that believe not. Well, thank God, with many of us here, He's opened our eyes. He's given us to see beauty in the Lord Jesus, giving us to find in Him a Savior. And what to God? You might be brought to know him as your Savior this night. So he was lying and he was begging, begging. I suppose that which generally characterizes a beggar is one he has a real need, one who doesn't have anything. Oh, you know, a dear friend, all of us, that's our condition before God until we're brought to know the Lord as our Savior. This afternoon, some of us were reminded of an incident in the life of a woman. Who fell in need? And Speaking of him being a beggar and his knee here makes me think of that force. And let's just quickly look at a verse or two in the seventh of Luke, that portion that was brought before us this afternoon, Luke 7. In verse 37 it says. The older woman in the city, which was a Sinner and she knew that Jesus started meeting the Pharisees house Brian Alabama brought me alabaster box of ointment instead of his feet behind him leaping. Began while he speaks and appears, and so forth. Now now verse 39 Now in the Pharisees, which had given him thought, he spake it in himself, saying this man, if he were a prophet, would have known what manner of woman This is detected him, for she is a Sinner. Well, you know, dear friend. Just as the Lord is more than a teacher, he's more than a prophet. The Pharisee didn't even take you as a prophet. But the Lord knew everything that was in his heart, even though he didn't utter his thoughts and so. All on he's fake within himself. The Lord answered him orally. It says in verse 40, Jesus answering and said, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee, and he saith, Master, stay on Well, it's the next verse that I really had in mind. A certain predator had two debtors. The one owed 500 pence in the other fifty and when they had nothing to pay. He frankly forgave them both. Dear friend, you are like these debtors and have two creditors, I owed more than the other and I don't question for a minute to some have been more out and out sinners and done things worse than others here. But the word of God makes this clear. Everyone before God is a creditor and he has a debt that he can't pay anything on when they have nothing to pay.

You cannot pay. There is nothing you can bring to God, to me. Forget of your sin and guilt. Before God they had nothing to pay. Well, when they have nothing to pay, he frankly or freely, I believe another translation says forgave them both. And if you'll own that there's nothing you can do, if you own that you have nothing that you can pay, that you're lost, that you're guilty, undone. And then if you'll turn to the Lord Jesus, he'll forgive you. This woman here was one. Who had come feeling her need? All you know, if we could just get more souls to own and realize much knowledge their need is guilty. Hell deserving sinners. Why that's the first step of blessing. Have you ever felt that need? Don't you acknowledge it now before God? But that's me. A poor loss. Hell deserving sinners. Well, this woman, he felt in need, she realized in need, and he had faith to trust in that blessed one. And our brother brought before us three things that we get in the last three verses. Of that 7th chapter because he acknowledged to me. Because he came to the one who could meet that need. Here is what he heard first, verse 48. He said unto her. Thy sins are forgiven all friend, once you acknowledge you're a Sinner and that you need a savior. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have the assurance to hear the Lord say my sins are forgiven while he will forgive you if you'll just receive him? If woman came to him in her need and as far as we know she didn't even say anything with her mouth. But the Lord read her heart. The Lord knew that she acknowledged that need, and she felt that need. And so he says, thy sins are forgiven. And then in the 51st, he said to the woman, Thy faith has saved thee. How does one get saved by faith? By grace. Are you saved through faith? The Word of God says, and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God, not of work, lest any man should vote yes. By grace are you saved through faith? Well, he told this woman, My faith has saved thee. And so there's the second thing to God, forgiveness. And then she learned that she was saved. She received salvation. And then the last thing that's said is go in peace. Or she is brought into peace with God. In the 5th chapter Romans in the first verse it says therefore be justified by faith. We have peace with God. Oh friends, you may have. Forgiveness of sin. You may have salvation, you may have peace. Yes, peace with God. The Lord Jesus is the one who made that peace, having made peace by the blood of his cross, we read in the book of Colossians. Yes, He's made peace and now it can be yours to enjoy if you'll trust in the Lord Jesus and receive Him as your own precious Savior. Well, let us turn back to the 10th of March to blind Bartimaeus again. He sat by the highway side begging. Verse 46. In verse 47 we find and be species. It says When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out. And say, Jesus, our Son of David, have mercy on me. Oh, what to God, dear friend, if you're not saved tonight, what to God? That that might be your cry? Have mercy on you. Mercy, he didn't say. Have justice. Justice wouldn't have met his lead. If he received justice, they received his due reward. We would have ended in hell, ended in the lake of fire. Oh, he said. Have mercy. All I'm thankful to say, dear friend, that the God that this book tells us about is one who is risking mercy. We get that in a season 2. God who is rich of mercy for his great love, whereas he loved it. Do you feel a need of the mercy of God? What's available for you? It's available for you, yes.

And there's blessings for those who come to God on the ground of mercy, on the ground of having a need that they cannot meet. And so this man said, have mercy on me. Well, it says many charge him that he should hold his peace. I guess they thought the Lord wouldn't want to be bothered with a poor blind beggar. Ah, but dear friend. The large heart went out to any we had a need. It made no difference to our circumstances. And I can tell you tonight. If you have a need and you own it before God. His heart goes out in love to you, and he would speak, and we'll meet you in your needs if you'll receive him. Others may have tried to hinder this blind man and charge him to hold his peace, but you know where a sense of need is real in the soul, where it's real. When is he going to be hindered very easily. And so it says that he began to cry out. But he cried the more great deal. Oh, he was earnest. He was earnest about his condition. What the God you would be an earnest. He cried a great deal more, thou son of David. Have mercy on you. Well, I say again with the God that that would be your cry, dear friend. You know whenever a soul cries for mercy. And tries to a savior. They're on the road to blessings in the 18th chapter of Luke Gospel. Perhaps we have time to turn to it briefly. 18th chapter Luke Gospel we read of two people only one cried for mercy and only one got the blessing. Luke 18 verse 10 two men went into the temple to pray the one of Pharisee and the other Republicans. The Pharisees stood and prayed this verse 11 of of Luke 18. The Pharisee stood and prayed just with himself. God, I thank thee. That I am not as other men, exorcists, unjust adulterers, or even as this public. And I fast twice in the week I do ties of all that I possess. He was on the ground of the rich young

rulers who asked the Lord, what shall I do Now? Here's one who came to the Lord, telling him what he'd done. He's on the ground of doing, and he's telling God what a good job he's done. Verse 13 Republicans standing afar off, with not so much as lift up his eyes unto heaven, but mowed upon his breasts saved. Now notice, God, be merciful to me, a Sinner. God, be merciful to me a Sinner. Have you ever taken the place of being a Sinner before God? Have you ever asked God for mercy, dear friend? That's the basis of getting blessing at the hands of the Savior. Notice what the Lord tells him, I tell you. This man went down to his house justified. Rather than the office justified. It wasn't that it wasn't the center, He was the center. It wasn't that He didn't need mercy. He did need mercy. But as we said before, God is rich in mercy for His great love, whereas He loved us, and God and love sent His Son to die for you and to shed his precious blood, that your sins might be washed away in His precious blood. And so Blessing now is on the ground. Of taking one place before God as a Sinner and crying to God for mercy. And trusting in the Savior. And so he says, this man went down to his house justified. I'm friends, you can be justified tonight if you're trusting the Lord Jesus. As the one that died for you and suffered on Calvary's cross for just for the unjust. And shed his precious blood to wash away your sins. And so I would urge you tonight, trust in that favor. Receive him on your condition like this poor publican, and receive him as the one who can meet you in blessings. Back to the text of art.

In verse 49 it says Jesus stood still. All those are sweet words. It seems every time I read those two words, I think of what a brother brought out over 30 years ago. In giving the gospel he told of an incident in Joshua we have we might turn to a verse in Joshua 10, Joshua the 6th book in the Old Testament, 6th book in the Bible, the 10th chapter verse 12. Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites to the children of Israel, or before the children of Israel. And sat in the sight of Israel. Sons, stand thou steal upon Gibeon, and thou moon in the valley of Agilon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. While I am infidel was talking to a preacher of the gospel. And he said, do you believe that statement in Joshua 10 that the sun stood still? The preachers answer to them was this, he said. My friend, I want you to turn with me to the 10th chapter, Mark's Gospel. And he brought before him this verse 49. Visa stood still, he said. Friends. I think it's far more wonderful. That the very Creator, the one who made heaven and earth, the one who sustains everything, the one who keeps the sun in its orbit and the stars in their orbit and controls the whole universe. I think it's more wonderful that he stood still, the Creator, at the cry of a poor blind beggar. More wonderful in making the sun stand still for a little while. And the moon. What you asked me about in Joshua here is the Creator himself hearing the cry of need on the part of his poor blind beggars. And he stood still, and he commanded him and says to be called. And so they can't call a blind man saying, be of good comfort. Rise he call us he Oh, dear friendly night he's calling you. Yes, he called that beggar, but he's calling you tonight. What are you going to do with his invitation? The 11 Chapter of Matthew, Bob the 28 first those come unto me. All ye that labor and a heavy laden, and I will give you rest. He saying that to you, dear friend, come unto me, come unto me, He calleth me. Will you respond? Will you come tonight? Will you say yes? Lord, I want it come and receive you. Oh dear friend, I save you, and all sincerity and all earnestness. He's calling you tonight, will you come? Tomorrow may be too late. He call us well. Verse 59. And he's passing away, his garment rose, and pain to Jesus. Isn't bad. Love you. I don't know why it says he's casting away his environment if I speak of that. I'll give you a thought that I've enjoyed. He didn't want to allow anything to hinder him from getting to the Savior as quick as possible. His garment may have been a flowing robe, I don't know, but he wanted to do away with any hindrance. And get to the favor, friend. Do you have a hindrance? What hindering you from coming to the Savior? Why haven't you come before? What is the hindrance in your life? Cast it away, have done with it and come to the Savior tonight. All He made a wise decision. You know the rich young rulers. The Lord had told him, go give it thou hast to the poor. You come follow me. But what he had meant too much to Him. He placed a higher value on His riches, and He placed on price. And you'll regret that decision for all eternity. But this poor blind beggar, for all we know, the government is about all that he had. He certainly was one who had very little. But material things that didn't mean anything to him. He wanted to get to that Savior. Won't you come to Jesus tonight? It says he rose and came to Jesus. Oh dear friend, May God give you to come to Jesus tonight and receive him as his pages. Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? Now we have things in their right order.

The rich man asked the Lord, what shall I do? But here it's reversed. The Lord is the one that's speaking now always says, watch, wilt thou that I do? He's the one that has to do all the doing, and you and I must be on the receiving end. Yes, yes, He's the one that can say, What shall I do underneath? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. Jesus set on him. Go thy way. Face that may behold all he believed like the woman that we read about in the 7th of John, pardon me, in the 7th of Luke. He told her, thy faith her crazy. And now he says to this man, Thy face has made me whole. Oh dear friend, it's a matter of a personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. If you wish to be made whole, you can be made whole tonight. But it must be by faith. My time is about us. And I'll just repeat that verse. That we referred to once or twice before by grace. Are you saved? Through faith and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God. Not of work, lest any man should boast. Don't try to work your way to heaven. Don't try to do anything, just all your need. Cry to him for mercy and. Receive the Lord Jesus into your heart as your own practice Savior. Oh dear friend, that's the decision you'll never forget. He's a dear, loving Savior. He's on high in the glory, and he's still just like this poor blind beggar. They said he'd call us for the I say to you again. Calling to you tonight, dear friend. What would you do with him? Why don't you have my Savior as your Savior? And if so, we'll meet in the glory, in the presence of that one who died, that you and I might live. Yes, we're thankful to say that there is blessing now on the ground of what he has done in one of the Psalms. I believe it's the 85th Psalm. It says mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace of history. Mercy and truth met together, the truth as to what you and I are as sinners. It can all be blown out, but mercy learned and needed because Christ died on the cross to wash our shins away. Yes, the Lord Jesus died for those sins, so that now mercy is that which is offered. This poor blind man said have mercy on me and all he learned to know something of the mercy of God. Match And so dear friend, your need can be met now and on a righteous basis, because the Lord died and answered to God as the one who stood in the sinners room and said so that now all that received him. May know what it is to know, just like the Lord told the woman in the 7th of Luke. Thy sins are forgiven when you trust Him, when you receive him. Oh, I urge you to stop trusting Him tonight. We've said before, maybe too late.

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