

Bible/College Class Notes – Pride – Lesson 13

Opposition To Jesus – Superiority & Pride

This week we learn how pride in our hearts can be overcome and replaced by humility.

**Jesus said unto Levi, (Matthew),
“Follow Me”. And he arose and
followed Him. Mark 2v14**

Bible Readings for this week

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Mark 2v13-20 (The Lord calls Matthew, “Follow Me”)	
Monday	Luke 5v27-35 (Luke’s account of Matthews Call)	
Tuesday	Matthew 9v9-17 (The Pharisees accuse the Lord)	
Wednesday	Psalm 10 (The wicked are puffed up with pride)	
Thursday	Psalm 138, Proverbs 13v10, 21v1-4, 27v2, 29v23	
Friday	Proverbs 16 (The Lord is against the proud in heart)	
Saturday	Romans 12 (Be not conformed to this world of sin)	

Important Lesson for us today. *Pride, and the feeling of superiority (better than others, and surely good enough for God to accept us), is in all our hearts. It is part of our fallen nature which we have inherited from Adam. Pride, if not dealt with, will grow in our souls, and bring eternal death like cancerous cells would bring death to our bodies. Only the Lord, by His gift of faith through the gracious work of The Holy Spirit, can replace our pride with humility of heart when, through repentance, we seek and find Him as Saviour and Lord.*

Hymn 194 – We sing thanks for the Saviour, the Friend of sinners.

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| 2. Which of all our friends, to save us,
Could, or would, have shed his blood?
But the Saviour died to have us
Reconciled in Him to God:
This is boundless love indeed!
Jesus is a Friend in need, | 3. When He lived on earth abased
‘Friend of sinners’ was His name;
Now, above all glory raised,
He rejoices in the same:
Still, He calls them brethren, friends,
And to all their wants attends. |
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EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet.

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

The Lord Jesus Calls Matthew – To Leave All & Follow Him.

- **Crowds Flock to Jesus at the Seaside to Hear Him Preach.**
 - Wanting to hear Him as He spoke with authority – Not as the Pharisees.
 - Some had no time for ‘religion’ – they were more interested in making money; set in their hearts on enjoying the things they could buy.
 - Matthew (Levi), A Tax Collector for the Romans, was one of these.
- **Matthews’ Great Cost of Truly Repenting For His Sin.**
 - He heard the Lord preach the need to repent (for, along with many other sins, he had taken more than he should have done - stealing it for himself).
 - The Romans demanded accounts – he now realised that, on the Final Judgement Day, he would have to give an account to God of his life.
 - He was convicted in his heart that God saw him as a great sinner.
 - He knew that to stop and turn from his sinful habits would cost him dearly. But, to **not** turn to the Lord would cost him even more – **a lost eternity.**
- **Matthew Responds to The Lord’s Gracious Call – “Follow Me.”**
 - He hears and obeys; a converted man, with a changed heart, now forgiven.
 - He invites his friends to meet and hear his new-found Lord and Saviour.
- **The Scribes and Pharisees Show Their Pride.**
 - They say, ‘He is eating and drinking with sinners’, ‘He cannot be from God’.
 - The Lord said to them,
“They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” Mark 2v17
If we are seriously ill, we need a doctor. If we are well, we do not.
- **The Lord Jesus Christ is The Great Physician (Healing Doctor) of Souls.**
 - Jesus came as a Saviour – He expects sinners to come to Him for forgiveness.
 - As the Holy Son of God, He cannot be contaminated with our sin, yet He took the guilt of His People’s sin upon Himself and bore God’s eternal wrath that they deserved as He suffered and died upon the cross.
 - Pride in our souls is the **‘Old Enemy’** – it tries to stop us from seeing our sin, and from seeking the forgiveness of The Lord.
 – it stops us from experiencing the Joy of having Peace with God.
 - Jesus is the **only** One Who can cure our pride and make us humble.
Is our pride stopping us from seeking the Lord’s forgiveness for our sin?

The Lord Jesus said, “For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God”. John 3 v17-18