

2. Discussion

a. Faith Triumphs...in Overcoming our Ignorance

Luke 18:27 (context)

This is the account of a good person who had fulfilled much of the law and yet was overtaken in a great greed for his material things. He had departed from Jesus in a sorrowful spirit for he was very rich and the idea of a loss of worldly goods was not happy in his mind. The Lord had noted how difficult it was for a wealthy person (trusting in his own riches) to be saved and the Apostles ask who, then, can be saved. The Lord's response is that with God salvation is possible even though it may seem impossible from our viewpoint. The lesson is plain: faith overcomes our ignorance and teaches us to trust God in all such issues and continue to do his bidding. This is made clear when Peter asks about the state of those who, like himself, had left all to follow the Lord. Jesus makes it plain that all who have done so will be suitably cared for by God even though they may not be able to see it clearly now. Faith does not convert us into brilliant scholars but it does dispel our ignorance of the workings of God and allow us to live trusting Him.

b. Faith Triumphs...in Reminding Us of the Lord's Purposes.

Luke 24:13-26, etc.

Yes, as they walked home to Emmaus, the travellers were saddened at what had transpired in Jerusalem in the last three days. It was like the end of the world. Yet the one who walked with them showed intelligence and understanding as He expressed to them the Biblical truths. He explained the prophecies of the Scripture and gave the application for the present and in time they would know that it was the