ZACCHAEUS

A MODEL OF TRUE REPENTANCE

LUKE 19:1-10

¹And He entered and was passing through Jericho. ²And behold, there was man called by the name of Zaccheus; and he was a chief tax-gatherer, and He was rich.

³And he was trying to see who Jesus was, and he was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature. ⁴And he ran on ahead and climbed into a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for he was small in stature.

⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

⁶ So he hurried and came down and received Him with gladness.

⁷ And when they saw it, they all began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."

⁸ And Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much."

See Exodus 22:1; Lev. 6:5; Num. 5:7; 2 Sam. 12:6

⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; ¹⁰ for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

LIFE LESSON

TRUE REPENTANCE IS ALWAYS MANIFESTED IN A PERSON'S CONDUCT TOWARDS GOD AND TOWARDS OTHERS.