Title: Living in “Limb”o


Target: WE AT CBC ARE CALLED—AS A CHURCH AND A PEOPLE—TO HELP LIFT PEOPLE FROM ALL THAT BLOCKS JESUS IN ORDER TO SEE JESUS!

I. The Title of Corruption: “he was a chief tax collector and was rich” (19:2)
   a. Unwanted by Reputation: Considered a traitor because of exploitation.
   b. Unclean by Relationship: Considered detestable because of Gentile affiliation.

II. A Tree of Elevation: “he was seeking to see who Jesus was” (19:3)
   a. Stature was Constricting: “he was small in stature” (Vs. 3)
   b. Size of the Crowd: “on account of the crowd” (Vs. 3)
   c. Statement of Curiosity: “he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way” (Vs. 4)
      i: Undignified Expression (Run and Climb)
      ii: Uncovering Emptiness (Climbing, but never Arriving)

III. A Table of Association. (19:5-6)
   a. Pursues Purposefully: “And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up” (Vs. 5)
   b. Speaks Significance: “Zacchaeus” (Vs. 5)
   c. Inspires Invitation: “hurry and come down” (Vs. 5)
   d. Bestows Blessing: “I must stay at your house today” (Vs. 5)
   e. Requires a Response: “So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully” (Vs. 6)

IV. A Testimony of Salvation: “Today, salvation has come to this house” (19:9)
   a. Repentance: “the half of my goods I give to the poor” (Vs. 8)
   b. Restitution: “If I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore if fourfold” (Vs. 8)
   c. Rejoicing: “since he also is a son of Abraham” (Vs. 9)

V. A Target of Ambition. “For the Son of Man” (19:10)
   a. Live Intentionally: “came to seek” (19:10)
      i: Matthew 5:32
      ii: Mark 2:17
      iii: 1 Timothy 1:15
   b. Love Radically: “and to save” (19:10)
   c. Liberate all in Captivity: “the lost” (19:10)

Take Away: There is no record of Jesus shaming Zacchaeus, compassion leads to repentance.