



God Seeking and Saving a Lost One Like Me

Luke 19:1-10

Have we ever pondered God's wondrous working in bringing us to Himself for salvation? What a mystery how God has worked in our hearts and minds to open our sin-blinded eyes and enable us to see the glorious light of the Gospel of His dear Son!

As Charles Gabriel has penned, "He called me long before I heard, before my sinful heart was stirred, but when I took Him at His Word, forgiven He lifted me."

Think how the Lord stirred your heart and worked in certain circumstances of your life to prepare you for the Gospel message, and how He used certain individuals to share with you from God's Word and introduce you to the Altogether Lovely One.

Peter was once asked by the Lord, "Who do you say that I am?" His answer was on target: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (*Matt. 16:15-16*). How did Peter know this? Did he learn it from men, or did he figure it out due to his amazing intellectual acumen? No, all credit belonged to God: "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in heaven" (*Matt. 16:17*).

Lydia was one of the first Macedonian converts. She was part of a prayer meeting being held by a river in Philippi. Paul spoke to that group; Lydia paid great attention to his message of Glad Tidings, and she passed from death unto life. God was wonderfully involved: "whose heart the Lord opened" (*Acts 16:14*).

We all have a similar testimony (*Acts 26:18*): (1) God has supernaturally opened my eyes; (2) God has turned me from darkness to light; (3) God has delivered me from the power of Satan unto God.

Thank God, I have been drawn to Him by cords of love and mercy (John 6:44-45)!

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