

*5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." 6 So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." 8 And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." 9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house..." Luke 19: 5-9*

Good morning, men!

Zacchaeus was the most despised man in the community because he was a tax collector. He got rich by squeezing money out of everyone else. Jesus went to his house, Zacchaeus opened his heart and mind to Jesus, and then everything changed! Suddenly he realized his finances were to be used to bless others, and he joyfully committed to this.

Then Jesus said, "Today salvation has come to this house...". Did you notice this? Not just Zacchaeus was saved. Salvation came to his house! Jesus knew that Zacchaeus, as the spiritual leader in house, would bring everyone to the Lord. That day salvation came to Zacchaeus' entire family!

If we as men open our hearts to the Lord, He will change us and use us to bring salvation to the people who matter the most to us: our families! Be the spiritual leader Jesus created you to be. *He will help you if you truly desire this.* Offer thanks to the Heavenly Father before every meal. Join hands and pray the Lord's Prayer. Bring your family to worship. Remind them of His love, power and peace. Remind your family of our responsibility to be used by God to bless others who are less fortunate. Salvation will come to your house through you!

But there's more ...

Your witness of faith and love for Jesus may save your child's future marriage and family. Your witness may save them from a life of despair and depression. Your witness may save them from a materialistic life that brings no true peace, hope or love. The importance of your witness, your walk with Jesus, cannot be overstated for the salvation of your family and those you love.

You are more important than you know. Talk with the Lord all day long. He will take care of everything else. He will bring salvation to your house through you.

Your brother on the Journey,