**Notes on The Poor And Poverty In Jesus’ Teaching**

**Viv Grigg**

A survey through the book of Luke the Physician who noticed the poor.

**A Story of a Man of the Poor:**

A Story of a Man of the Poor

For Luke, the physician, beloved, had an eye for the outcaste, the nobodies, the women, the maimed… And he researched the story to portray the nature of the Servant-man. Man of the poor.

**A. Birth of the Servant of the Poor:**

A. Birth of the Servant of the Poor Luke 2:7 Born in a manger Luke 2:8 Shepherds Luke 2:24 His parents offer the offering of the poor - 2 pigeons instead of a lamb and a pigeon John The Baptist – Clean Up Your Act (3:11-14)

**B. The Poor Servant Among the Poor:**

B. The Poor Servant Among the Poor Luke 1:52-53 He contrasts the ungodly rich and the humble poor. Luke 2:7 Born in a manger Luke 2:8 Shepherds Luke 2:24 His parents offer the offering of the poor - 2 pigeons instead of a lamb and a pigeon 3:13 economic repentance, a theme of John the Baptist.

**C. The Servant Among the Poor Foretold:**

C. The Servant Among the Poor Foretold Four Servant Songs in Isaiah Prophecies about the Servant Isa 42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-9, 52:13-53:12 Simeon’s Prophecies Luke 2:32 =Isa 49:6 Luke 3:22 = Isa. 42:1 The Spirit came like a dove, well pleased (see 9:35 also)

**Who is the Servant? (Isa 49:6):**

Who is the Servant? (Isa 49:6)

**D. The Incarnation: Act That Changed History (2:6-7):**

D. The Incarnation: Act That Changed History (2:6-7) Incarnation As A Profound Economic Act Incarnation As A Profound Political Act Incarnation As A Profound Historical Symbol Incarnation As the Beginning Of A New Social Ethic.

**E. The Empowering Spirit: Compelling Us To The Poor (4:18):**

E. The Empowering Spirit: Compelling Us To The Poor (4:18) Jesus, full of the Spirit, after his fasting… (4:14) Preaches of The Power Of The Proclaimed Kingdom To the godly poor of Yahweh Giving liberty Declaring justice

**F. Jesus Responds to the Needy:**

F. Jesus Responds to the Needy Power over a noisy spirit (4:31-37) A mother in-law’s fever (4:38,39) A man with leprosy (5:12-13) A paralytic (5:17-26) A widow’s son (7:11-17) Jairus’ daughter (8:10-36) A crippled woman (13:10-17)

**G. Blessed Poor in their Poverty (Luke 6:20-27):**

G. Blessed Poor in their Poverty (Luke 6:20-27) Jesus speaking as a poor man (n.b. He was a labouring man, not destitute poor, yet choosing apostolc poverty) 2. The blessing is not in poverty but for the poor who respond to God because of their poverty 3. The terror of riches

**H. Validation Of Our Ministry: Impact On The Poor (7:22-23):**

H. Validation Of Our Ministry: Impact On The Poor (7:22-23) 1. Miraculous among the poor 2. Social ministry among the poor 3. Good News is preached to the poor 4. Righteousness is related to involvement with the poor 5. Teaching the poor by parables

**I. Jesus Honors Women:**

I. Jesus Honors Women Some say women were downtrodden in those days (It is not so clear. Cross-cultural judgments with little data on the role of women are usually imperialistic and to be avoided) Luke particularly noted these encounters with women, perhaps because he was a doctor He notes the intimate details of Mary and Elizabeth’s giving birth Jesus taught of purity (Matt 5: 8; 27-30). Anointed by a prostitute, treated her with dignity (7:36-50) Converses with the woman at the well (John 4) Jesus with Mary and Martha (10:38-42). He opposes the practice of easy divorce (16:16-18).

**J. Apostolic Poverty: Dependent On The Poor, Dependent On God:**

J. Apostolic Poverty: Dependent On The Poor, Dependent On God 1. Mission is by the poor to the poor (9:1-3; 10:7) 2. Foxes have holes (9:58) 3. God’s provision (9:2; 10:7; 12:32-34) Which is part of the apostolic progression?

**K. Almsgiving:**

K. Almsgiving 1. The good Samaritan (10:25-37) Hospitality for the poor (14:13,14) The widow’s offering (21:1,2)

**L. The Call To The Rich For Radical Repentance:**

L. The Call To The Rich For Radical Repentance Jesus loved the rich, and called them to repent Gaining the world, losing your soul (9:25) Parable of the rich fool (12:13-21) Give up unconditionally your attachment to riches (Luke 12:33, 14:33) You cannot serve God and money (16:13-15) The rich man and Lazarus (16:19-31) The rich ruler (18:18-30) Zacheus – What is economic repentance?(19:11-9)

**M. Jesus Teaching on Management:**

M. Jesus Teaching on Management 16:1-15 The parable of the shrewd manager 19:11-26 faithfulness and responsibility 20:20-26 pay taxes, honor God

**Finale: Which Would You Choose?:**

Finale: Which Would You Choose? The Road We Must Follow Choice: Junk Or Jesus?

**Some References:**

* Some References Cherupallikat, J. O. F. M. C. (1975). Witness Potential of Evangelical Poverty In India , Nouvelle Review de Science Missionaire, CH-6405 Immensee, Switzerland.
* Grigg, V. (2010). Conversations on Economic Discipleship. Kingdom Economics Forum . Wellington, New Zealand, Urban Leadership Foundation .
* ---. (2004). Companion to the Poor . Monrovia, CA, Authentic Media (revised and updated), originally Abatross: Sydney (1984), revised MARC: Monrovia (1990)).
* Hengel, M. (1974). Property and Riches in the Early Church . Philadelphia, Fortress Press .