

# The Message

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## How Did the Cloud of Witnesses Preach?



# Zacchaeus

(Luke 19:2-3)

Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but he could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature.

A Tax Collector

A Supervisor

A Very Rich Man

A Very Short Man



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2. **He came down** at the command of Jesus and entertained Him.
3. **He promised to give** half his goods to the poor and restore four times as much if he had taken anything falsely (Luke 19:8-9).



**“Today salvation has come  
to this house.”**



# How Does This Compare to the Cloud of Witnesses Preaching?

The Cloud of Witnesses divided sinners into four categories:

Careless sinners

Awakened sinners

Convinced sinners

Converted sinners



**Asahel Nettleton**  
**The Forgotten Evangelist**  
**(1783 – 1844)**



# His Awakening

He was converted from his former bad habits but still did not have a changed heart.



# His Conviction

He was convinced of sin, righteousness, and judgment.



# His Conversion

The objects that had given him so much distress,  
he now contemplated with delight.



# **The God of Scripture Is a Moral Outrage (to the Natural Man)**



# **The Natural Man Is Made Captive to His Autonomy**

He is made captive to a kind of idol  
of his own making.



# **The Danger of Presumption**

The biggest problem today is presumption.



# **Faith in Faith Does Not Save**

Saving faith is beholding the Lamb of God.



# **The Evidence of True Conversion:**

Rejoicing in the divine character.



# **Evidence: You Will Loathe Yourselfes**

“Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good; and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight, for your iniquities and your abominations” (Ezekiel 36:31 NKJV).



# Make Your Calling and Election Sure

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble (2 Peter 1:10).



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