

# Where's Your Chair?

Mark 10 17-31



You are the holy one, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.  
Psalm 22:3

## **Praising:**

The dearest idol I have known,  
whate'er that idol be,  
help me to tear it from thy throne  
and worship only there.

## **Reading:**

Mark 10:17-31  
The rich man

Jesus' invitation to sell, give and come is a drastic test of the questioner's real concern for spiritual satisfaction. It was supposed (clearly so by the disciples) that wealth made the performance of religious duties possible. What is the single most precious possession that you own? Even if your object isn't materially very valuable, it may still be the thing that stands between you and the greatest treasure of all: life with God. It's really a question of control. Was

the rich young man in control of his possessions or were his possessions in control of him? In the latter case, the sovereignty and glory of God is undermined. In his love God will always leave us free to worship something other than him. In our weakness we choose that something far more often than is good for us.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

Reflecting on the things we hold most dear Lord we pray

- for those possessed by their possessions,
- for those for whom life is about amassing bigger and better and more
- for those whose life values are directed by material desire and acquisition

Father: release me from the ties that bind me to the things I can buy and own. Then lead me Lord from the captivity of getting, to the liberty of giving. Amen

## **Doing:**