

## ~NEEDLES EYE (61)

- In an illustration pertaining to entry into the Kingdom, Jesus Christ said,
- Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to get through a **needles** eye than for a rich man to get into the kingdom of God. (Matthew 19:24)
- It is easier for a camel to go through a **needle's** eye than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. (Mark 10:25)
- Some have held the **needles** eye to be a small gate through which a camel, if relieved of its load, could pass with difficulty. However, the Greek word for **needle** found at;
- Again I say to you, It is easier for a camel to get through a **needles** eye than for a rich man to get into the kingdom of God. (Matthew 19:24)
- It is easier for a camel to go through a **needles** eye than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. (Mark 10:25)
- *Rha-phis'* is drawn from a verb meaning, **sew**. Also, the Greek word appearing in the parallel passage of,
- It is easier, in fact, for a camel to get through the eye of a **sewing needle** than for a rich man to get into the kingdom of God. (Luke 18:25)
- *Be-lo'ne* is used to refer to a literal **surgical needle**. Regarding these Greek terms *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words* notes; The idea of applying the **needles** eye to small gates seems to be a modern one, there is no ancient trace of it.
- The Lords object in the statement is to express **human impossibility** and there is no need to endeavour to soften the difficulty by taking the **needle** to mean anything more than the ordinary instrument. [1981, Vol. 3, p. 106]

- **As a hyperbole, the illustration emphasized how difficult it would be for rich men not simply to begin serving God but actually to enter into the Kingdom.**
- **Give orders to those who are rich in the present system of things not to be high-minded, and to rest their hope, not on uncertain riches, but on God, who furnishes us all things richly for our enjoyment. (1 Timothy 6:17)**
- **To work at good, to be rich in fine works, to be liberal, ready to share. (1 Timothy 6:18)**
- **Safely treasuring up for themselves a fine foundation for the future, in order, that they may get a firm hold on the real life. (1 Timothy 6:19)**
- **Exert yourselves vigorously to get in through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will seek to get in but will not be able. (Luke 13:24)**