

Trinity Bible Class - November 27, 2022

“JESUS’ TEACHINGS IN JUDEA” - LUKE CHS. 11-12

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Larry Mobley’s Chart - A suggested interpretation

Gospel	A cultural emphasis -	Biblical Emphasis	Symbol
Matthew	Jewish	The Promised Messiah/King	Lion
Mark	Roman	The Perfect Servant	Ox
Luke	Greek	The Son of Man - Perfect Man	Man
John	Universal	The Son of God	Eagle

Luke is the Gospel of the human-Divine One.

John is the Gospel of the Divine-human One.

“These are written that you might believe that Jesus is The Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you might Have life through His name.” (Jn. 20:31).

2. A time-Line of Jesus’ teaching in Galilee and Judea.

a. The Lord’s ministry in Galilee is estimated to be 12-18 mo.

b. The Lord’s ministry in Judea with multiple visits to the Temple during three Jewish festivals of:

Passover (Pesach)

Pentecost (Shavuot)

Booths or Tabernacles (Sukkot)

suggest a ministry lasting three years. Recall also that the estimate of the ministry of John The Baptist is six months.

II. Prayer - See class notes Oct. 30, 2022, VI (2).

Vs. 1-5 This is another of the frequent references by Dr. Luke To the prayer life of the Lord Jesus. It fits the purpose of Luke’s Gospel in presenting Christ as **THE** Son of Man, ever dependent Upon God His Father. The disciples sensed that prayer was a

real and a vital force in the life of Jesus. As they heard Him pray, it made them want to pray too. The Lord gave them a model of prayer that contains six (6) principles.

1. The Lord taught the disciples to address God as our Father. The intimate family relationship was unknown to believers in the Old Testament. It simply means that believers are **now** to speak to Almighty God with assurance and respect as to a loving heavenly **Father**. Jesus has not brought the believers into a religion but rather into a relationship with the living God of the universe.
2. We are to pray that **God's name be hallowed or honored**
This expresses the longing and knowing in the believers' heart that GOD should be revered, magnified and adored in our petition.
3. **Your Kingdom come** - Here we have a prayer that the day will soon arrive when God will put down the forces of evil and, in the person of Jesus Christ, reign supreme over the earth, where His will shall be done as it is in heaven.
4. Having thus sought the Kingdom of God we make known our personal needs and desires. The ever-recurring **daily need** for food, both physical and spiritual. We are to live in daily dependence upon Him, acknowledging Him as the source of every good. E. M. Bounds emphasizes, "**this day** -tomorrow may never come." (cf., **Proverbs 8:34**).
5. **Forgive us our sins** - This does not refer to forgiveness from the penalty of sin. That forgiveness is based on the finished work of Christ on Calvary, and is received by faith alone. Here we are dealing with parental or governmental forgiveness after we have been saved by faith. God deals with us as His children. If He finds a hard and unforgiving spirit in our hearts. He commands that we confess our sins. If we will not He will chasten us until we are broken of this spirit and brought back into fellowship with our heavenly Father.

6. **And lead us not into temptation** - God never tempts anyone to sin. He does allow us to experience trials and testings in life, and these are designed for our good. One thought here is that is that we should be aware of our proneness to wander and even fall into sin. We need to ask the Lord to keep us from falling even if we ourselves might want to do it. We should pray that the opportunity to sin and the desire to do so never collide.

The prayer ends with a request for deliverance from the evil one. He seeks to destroy but God our heavenly Father seeks **Our well being.**

2. 11:5-13 – A Principle of Prayer – Importunity/Persistence

The parable teaches us the need for persistence in prayer. The principle taught is the need for faith and confidence in Prayer. The verbs in the rhythmic Ask...Seek...Knock are Imperatives **“Keep asking, keep seeking, keep knocking”**. The confidence of the believer is to be like that of a child with a loving parent. It is an honor to a parent that a child asks and expects what is needed. God is honored by the requests of a child-like believer. A human father knows how to give good gifts to his children. How much more is our heavenly Father willing to give Holy Spirit. H.B. Swete points out that The absence of the definite article before Holy Spirit indicates what is emphasized is the gifts or operations on our behalf. It is not so much a prayer for the person of Holy Spirit but rather for His ministries in our lives (Mt.7:11). The Holy Spirit is the power that enables us to live the Christian life, So Jesus pictured God as anxious to give this power to those who ask.

Closing on Prayer: We should not be like the Dowager

We should not be like Jose

We should heed the lesson taught by the old black man

11:14-54 A Series of Conflicts – **JESUS ANSWERS HIS CRITICS**

While on His journey to Jerusalem Jesus was involved in a series of conflicts. The first occurred when Jesus cast out a demon that had caused the possessed man to be mute. Satan, of course, wants Christians to be mute. They accused Jesus with being empowered by Beelzebub. “Beelzebub” originally referred to Baal-Zebul (“Baal, the prince”), chief God of the Philistines and of their city of Ekron; the Israelites disdainfully referred to him as Baal-Zebub (“lord of the flies”).

Jesus, of course, knew their thoughts (11:17a) and motives and His response was devastatingly simple. He pointed out their reasoning was illogical (11:17b), inconsistent (11:18), and based upon faulty perception (11:20). He said, “Any Kingdom divided against itself will be ruined and a house divided will fall.”

His short parable about the strong man (Satan, 11:21) and the stronger man Jesus Himself (11:22), employed simple and unassailable logic. The parable demonstrated that the struggle on the spiritual level of existence (Satan and his forces vs. the power of God, of Christ and the Holy Spirit) is subject to the same rules and principles as temporal conflicts- the stronger force wins (cf. 1 Jn. 4:4). Jesus concluded with a warning that turned the tables on the critics. It was they, not He, who were in alliance with Satan, and the proof of their demonic alliance was their opposition to Him.

Neutrality regarding Christ is impossible. “He who is not with Me is against Me.”

11:24-36 **Jesus again turns the tables on His critics.**

MacDonald says, “They had accused Him of being demon possessed. He now likens their nation to a man who had been temporarily cured of demon possession. This was true of their history. Prior to the captivity, the nation of Israel had been possessed with the spirit of Idolatry. But the captivity rid them of that evil spirit, and since then the Jews have never been given

over to idolatry. Their house was swept clean and put in order, but they refused to let the Lord Jesus come in and take His rightful possession. Therefore, He predicted that in a coming day, the unclean spirit would gather seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they would enter the house and dwell there. This refers to the terrible form of idolatry which the Jewish nation will adopt during “the Tribulation period”; most of them will acknowledge the Anti-Christ to be god (Jn. 5:43) and the punishment for this sin will be greater than their nation has ever endured before.

While this illustration refers primarily to Israel’s national history, it points to the insufficiency of repentance without faith or reformation in an individual life. Otherwise, the person is left open to entrance by more vile forms of sin than ever indulged in before.”

Jesus gave four explanations about spiritual matters -

1. First, the truth about unclean spirits is that they work together (11: 24-26). The lesson here is “partial reformation is inadequate.”
2. True joy does not come from merely acknowledging Jesus but from obeying God (11:27,28).
3. The truth about signs is that they can be missed (11:29-32). The lesson here is that the “sign-giver” is more important than the sign itself.
4. The truth about light is that without a “clear eye” the light does no good (11:33-36).
The lesson here is one must have “open eyes” to see that Jesus is the power, the sign, the light from God. Anyone who fails to “**see the light**” is thereby shown to be “full of darkness” (11:34).

The “missed” sign of Jonah- a sign of judgment to come and of Christ’s Resurrection. Jesus clearly regarded Jonah’s account as historically accurate.

11:37-54 – Woes upon Pharisees and Lawyers

11:38 – He had not first washed – The Pharisee was concerned about ceremony, not hygiene. The Greek word for “washed” refers to ceremonial ablution. Nothing in The Law commanded such washings, but the Pharisees practiced them, believing the ritual cleansed them of any accidental ceremonial defilement.

11:39 – “full of greed and wickedness” – They were preoccupied with external ceremonies but overlooked the more important issue of internal morality.

11:40 – “Foolish ones” – i.e., persons who lack understanding. This was the truth and not the same sort of course name-calling Christ forbade (Mt. 5:22).

11:41 – Alms of such as you have it. “Give that which is within your alms.” This contrasts inner virtues with external ceremonies. Alms are to be give not for show, but an expression of a faithful heart (cf. Matt 6:1-4)- and the true almsgiving is not the external act, but one’s attitude before God.

11:42 – tithe – Pharisees you tithe and pass over Judgment and the love of God.

11:43 – greetings- You love greetings in the marketplace and the uppermost seats in the synagogues.

11:44 – graves which are not seen Hidden sources of defilement. They carefully concealed their own corruption but still it was a source of defilement.

11:45 – lawyers i.e., scribes- ‘Your sayings reproach us also.’

11:46 – burdens-lawyers- You lode men with burdens grievous to be borne and never lift a finger to help.

11:47 – **you build the tombs of the prophets.** They thought they were honoring those prophets, but they had more in common with those who killed the prophets (v.48).

11:49 – **“the wisdom of GOD also said”** – There is no O.T. source for this quotation. Christ is **prophetically announcing** the coming judgment of God, not quoting a previously written source, but giving them a **direct warning from God.**

11:52 – **the key of knowledge** – They had locked up the truth of scriptures and thrown away the key by imposing their faulty interpretations and human traditions on God’s word.

11:23 – **Who is not with Me is against Me** **Anyone** who does not gather with Him **scatters** abroad.

Someone has said, **“A person is either on the way or in the way”.**

11:54 – **to catch** – The same word is used in Greek literature for the hunting of animals. The Pharisees attempt to get Jesus is thus described.

12:1-59 – **Lessons along the way.**

12:1-12 – *against hypocrisy.* A hypocrite is one who wears a mask, one whose outward appearance is utterly different from what he or she is inwardly. The Pharisees posed as paragons of virtue but actually were masters of masquerade.

12:1 – **innumerable.** The Greek word is the same from which we get the word “myriads.” Crowds of people gathered. He told his disciples to beware of the **leaven of the Pharisees.**

12:5 – **Fear Him** – (cf. Luke 8:17) **Nothing is secret that will not be revealed.** All truth will be manifest in the judgment cf. 12:2,3; 1 Cor. 4:5; 1 Timothy 5:24,25. God’s ultimate purpose is not to hide the truth, but to make it known. Truth shall triumph. Do not fear men.

12:6 - **“His eye is on the sparrow”** “and I know He watches over me.” The two copper coins, Greek, *assariov*, are Roman coins equal to a sixteenth of a denarius. One assariov would be less than an hour's wage. Not one of them if forgotten before God. Divine providence governs even the most inconsequential details of God's creation. He cares for all that He Created, regardless of how insignificant.

12:8 The Savior told the disciples that whoever confesses Him **NOW** will be confessed by Him before the angels of God.

12:9 - Those who deny Him **before men will be denied before the angels of God** i.e., in the day of judgment. “He will say I never knew you.” This describes a soul-damning denial of Christ - not the sort of temporary wavering Peter was guilty of (22:56-62) - but the sin of those who through fear, shame, neglect, delay, or love of the world or things of the world reject all evidence and revelation and decline to confess Christ as Savior and King until it is too late.

12:10 - **blasphemies against the Holy Spirit.** This is not a sin of ignorance, but a deliberate, willful, settled hostility toward Christ - exemplified by the Pharisees who attributed to Satan the work of Christ (11:15).

12:11,12 - **do not worry** - i.e., do not be anxious- Jesus said that if you are brought to trial for your Christian testimony do not worry or rehearse what you are going to say. The Holy Spirit will put the proper words in your mouth whenever it is necessary. At the same time it is a caution against laziness in prayer, reading the scriptures or preparing presentations or projects.

12: 13-21 - **Against Materialism**

12:22-34 - **Against Worry-** see 12:11,12

12: 33-34 - **Give Alms-lay up treasure in heaven-** The treasure in heaven does not fail. Where your treasure is there will your heart be also- Himself our treasure. Where one puts

his money reveals the priorities of his or her heart (cf., 16:1-13); Matt. 6:21).

12-35-48 – **Against Unfaithfulness**

12:35 – **Gird up**, be prepared by tucking the long flowing robes into the belt to allow freedom to work (cf. Exod12:11; 1 Pet. 1:13).

12:36 – **WHEN WILL HE RETURN** – As His servants were responsible to meet Him with burning torches.

12:37 – **WATCHING FOR HIS RETURN** – The key here is readiness at all times for Christ's return. He Himself will take a servants role and wait on His own. This remarkable statement pictures Christ at His return, ministering as a servant to believers.

12:38 – **THE SECOND WATCH** – 9:00P.M. to midnight. **Third** – Midnight to 3:00 A.M.

12:40 – **AT AN HOUR YOU DO NOT EXPECT** – cf., 21:34; **Matthew** 24:36, 42-44; 1 Thessalonians 5:2-4; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 3:3; 16:15).

12:43 – **BLESSED IS THAT SERVANT** – MacArthur states; “**The faithful steward pictures the genuine believer, who manages well the spiritual riches God has put in his or her care for the benefit of others, and the careful management of the master's estate. Faithful expression of the duty of such spiritual stewardship will result in honor and reward.**”

12:41,42,45-48 – Unbeliever's judgment for wicked

12:45 -unfaithfulness and cruel behavior illustrates the evil of an unbelieving heart.

12:46 – S peaks of the severity of the final judgement of unbelievers.

12"47,48 – The degree of punishment is commensurate with the extent to which the unfaithful behavior was willful.

Ignorance is nonetheless no excuse (v.48). That there will be

varying degrees of punishment in hell is clearly taught in Matthew 10:15; 11:22,24; Mark 6:11; Hebrews 10:29).

12:49-53 – **Against love of ease – Christ a divider of people into two categories i.e., believers and unbelievers.**

12:49 – **Fire** – i.e. Judgment. For the connection between fire and judgment see Isaiah 66:15; Joel 2:30; Amos 1:7, 10-14; 2:2,5; Malachi 3:2,5; 1 Corinthians 3:13; 2 Thessalonians 1: 7,8).

12:50 – **A Baptism** - A baptism of suffering Christ was referring to His death. Christian baptism symbolizes identification with Him in death, burial, and resurrection. **Distressed – till it be accomplished.** Though distressed in spirit about His coming passion it was nonetheless the work He came into this world to do, and He set His face steadfastly to accomplish it.

12:51- **Division**

12:54-59 **THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES**

12: 54,55 - The Lord reminded the multitude of their skill in predicting the weather. The people had the intelligence to know this. But there was more than intelligence. There was the will to know. In spiritual matters it was a different story. Though they had normal human intelligence, they did not realize the importance of the time which arrived in human history. The Son of God had come to this earth and was standing in their very midst. Heaven and Earth had never been so near before. But they did not know the time of their visitation. Thus they were self-deluded. At that time God was walking in and out among them, pleading with them, giving them an opportunity to be saved. They should repent and put their faith in Him. If they refused, they would have to stand before God as their Judge. The case was sure to go against them. They would be thrown into prison, that is eternal punishment. They would not come out until they had paid the very last mite-which means they would never come out because they would never be able to pay such a tremendous debt. Thus, repent NOW and be saved .

Blessings!