



THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

GOD'S SALVATION PLAN

“Unbeliever, Beware”

Luke 12:49 - 13:1-9

Luke 19:10 – “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Review

Chapter 12:1-48

- Verses 1 - 5 – Hypocrisy is playacting/putting on a mask -
- Verses 13-14 – How to resolve a legal dispute, a changed heart -
- Verses 16-21 – Rich fool vs. God's principles for living life -
- Verses 22-31 - We are not to worry by being anxious over worldly things -
- Verse 30 – We have God as our Father -
- Verses 32-34 - Our heart is where our treasure is –
- Verses 35-48 - Be ready – make peace with God, judgment is coming –

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1. water baptism – for repentance (John the Baptist) – Matt. 3:11

2. baptism of Holy Spirit – at the moment of salvation - 1st Cor. 12:13

3. baptism of judgment for the unrepentant – Matt. 3:11-12, Jer. 5:14 &

Isa. 66:16 “For the LORD will execute judgment by fire, and by His sword on all flesh, and those slain by the LORD will be many.”

C. Accomplished through Suffering – vs. 49-50

Matt. 26:38 *“My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death, remain here and keep watch with Me.”*
v. 39 and He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed saying, “My Father, if it is possible let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will but as You will.”

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- D. By Separation causing division – vs. 51-53**

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B. What sinful Israel could not do — vs. 56

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A. The Priority — vs. 57-58

> settle with your adversary out of court

B. The Penalty for Refusing — vs. 58b-59

> be turned over to the judge and thrown into eternal suffering in hell

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“Hell – That Hideous Doctrine” - by John Thomas

Hell is a place of great physical pain. Luke 16:24

there will be weeping – Luke 13:28 weeping is not something we get a grip on, it is something that grips us

there will be wailing – Matt 13:42 – weeping attracts our attention but wailing frightens & offends us, it is the pitiful bawl of a soul seeking escape, a grotesque sound with conclusions we can't live with.

there will be gnashing of teeth – Luke 13:28 because of anger, frustration, or a defense against crying, when you are just too weary to cry any longer

Hell is a place of total darkness –Matt 8:12 So dark you cannot see your hand in front of you- One strains thinking that if he waits long enough he will be able to see but there is nothing, and it begins to smother and cling to him, oppressing him. He reaches for something solid realizing the darkness is not going away, but there is nothing, no walls, he stretches trying to feel the ground or anything and he touches nothing. Hell is a bottomless pit –Rev 20:1-2. He is suspended and he kicks and lunges and twists exhausted and he begins to weep – until....“As time passes in hell....

he begins to do what the rich man did – He again starts to think. His first thoughts are of hope. You see he still thinks like he did on earth, where he kept himself alive with hope. When things got bad, he always found a way out. If he felt pain, he took medicine, if he were hungry he ate, if he lost love, there was always someone else. He has this plan to apply hope now and he thinks; of course Jesus, the God of love can get me out of this. He cries out Jesus! Jesus! You were right! Help me, get me out of this!

He waits and nothing, He tries again and again crying, I believe Jesus, I believe but the sound of his voice slips into darkness and is lost.

It finally hits him that this is forever – and he realizes that when I put in ten thousand centuries of time here, I will not have accomplished one thing, I will not have one second less to spend here.

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“We must take care that nothing keeps us from serving the Lord faithfully, neither the seeming delay of His coming as verse 45 speaks of, nor persecution in verses 51–53, nor the unbelieving attitude of the world in verses 54–59.”

“Our modern world understands science, can predict storms and comets, and can put men on the moon, but they cannot understand “the signs of the times”. Like people in the days of Noah, they have a false security based on ignorance. A time of judgment was coming to Israel, but they would waste the opportunity, for a peace that only God could give them. A time of Judgment is coming for all man-kind.”

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When Tragic Events Happen

It could be punishment for personal sin and or rebellion

It could be the result of evil, ie. terrorists etc.

It could just be the results of living in a fallen world

BUT

It is an opportunity for spiritual growth, for you and me

The real question is not – Why do others die? – But, what if I die?

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a. The Jewish Nation - planted by God

2nd Sam 7:10 “I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will the wicked afflict them any more as formerly.”

Psalms 80:8-9 “You removed a vine from Egypt; You drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground before it and it took deep root and filled the land.”

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a. Israel planted by God - 2nd Sam 7:10

b. the tree was fruitless, ready to be cut down in judgment John 15:5-6, Matt. 7:21

Luke 3:9 “And even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

c. A.D. 70, Israel was cut down, but the root was not destroyed.

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2 Peter 3:9 “ *The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any perish but for all to come to repentance.*”

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a. It was God who planted 2nd Sam 7:10

b. God after being patient and it bearing no fruit cut it down in judgement in A.D. 70 —Luke 3:9

God desires righteous people who will reflect His character. John 15:2-6

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John 15:2-6 “Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned.”

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“Anyone will do whatever is necessary to stay out of prison, but how many people will apply that same concern and diligence to stay out of hell?”

Bible Expositors Commentary

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APPLICATION:

The text calls for each of us to consider the following:

- 1. Where do you stand before God?**
- 2. God is patient, but there will come a time when it will be too late to repent.**
- 3. Now is the time to be fruitful and share the gospel with those we interact with who don't know the Lord.**

As a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, our story should be different from that of the unfruitful fig tree, so that our outcome will be, as well.