

# **The Gospel of Luke**

## **Lesson 24**

In Luke 12:13-59, Jesus continues to challenge and encourage his followers. In the parable of the rich fool He warns against greed and covetousness by noting that a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. Since no one knows when he will be called to account, Jesus exhorts us not to be taken up with accumulating wealth but to be rich toward God.

In Luke 12: 22-34, Jesus tells his disciples not to worry about life, that is, food, one's body or what to wear, for life is more than these things. In support of his position, He notes that God provides for ravens, which neither sow nor reap, yet God feeds them. Moreover, the lilies of the field neither labor nor spin, yet not even Solomon in all his glory was dressed like them. Therefore, Jesus instructs his followers to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things, which God knows we need, will be given to us.

Jesus continues to exhort his listeners to be watchful, ready for service and to treat others fairly or well. Those who do not do so will not only be held to account but punished severely for their improper behavior. While Scripture elsewhere emphasizes Jesus' peacemaking role, here Jesus stresses the fact that His coming brings division not peace, and that this division will be most apparent between family members.

The chapter closes with further warnings from Jesus to not only be aware of the times in which we live, but to make every effort to be reconciled to those with whom we disagree.

Before beginning this lesson, please take a moment in prayer to thank the Lord for His provision and instruction. And ask Him for help completing this study of His Word and for grace to understand and apply the principles in His Word.

## **Repent or Perish**

1. Read Luke 13:1-9.
  - A. From verses 1-4, describe the two accounts of suffering noted by Jesus.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - B. According to Jesus, were those who suffered in this way worse sinners or more guilty than others?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - C. Do you think the amount of suffering a person undergoes is directly proportional to the degree of sin in a person's life? Why or why not? Use Scripture to support your answer.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - D. What is the imperative proclaimed by Jesus in verse 3 that He repeats in verse 5? Why do you think Jesus issues this command?

E. Using a dictionary, define:

(1) Repent

(2) Perish

F. Refer to John 3:16, Acts 2:36-39, 2 Peter 3:9-14 and Revelation 20:11-14 to see what are the results for someone who responds to Jesus' exhortation. What are the results for someone who ignores it?

G. Luke 13:6-8 is a parable. What spiritual truths and principles in it are to be applied?

H. To summarize Luke 13:1-8, God desires individuals to

(1) Repent

(2) Bear good fruit

(3) All of the above

(4) None of the above

## **A Crippled Woman Healed on the Sabbath**

2. Read Luke 13:10-17.
  - A. On which day of the week was Jesus teaching?
  - B. Who was there? What was the problem?
  - C. When Jesus saw her, what did He say and do?
  - D. What happened and what was the response of the woman?
  - E. Why was the ruler of the synagogue so upset with Jesus? What did he say to the people?
  - F. What does Jesus say in response to the ruler? What is the point that Jesus is making?

- G. From verse 17, who is exalted, who is humiliated, and what is the reaction of all the people?

### **What the Kingdom of God is Like**

3. Read Luke 13:18-20 and Daniel 2:24-45.
- A. Describe the parable of the mustard seed.
- B. Describe the parable of the yeast.
- C. From these two parables and the Daniel passage:
- (1) How does the Kingdom of God start?
- (2) How does it progress?

(3) What does it do to competing kingdoms?

(4) How extensive does it become?

(5) How long does it last?

### **The Narrow Door**

4. Read Luke 13:22-30, John 6:28-29 and 14:6, and Romans 10:4-13.

A. From these passages and Luke 13:3, 5 and Acts 2:37-38, what must we do to be saved?

B. Read Luke 13:22-30 and John 17:6-9.

(1) In the end, will everyone be saved? Why or why not?

(2) From Luke 13:27, what does Jesus say to those people who are rejected?

(3) From Luke 13:28, what will be the reaction of those who are rejected?

### **Repent or Perish**

5. Read Luke 13:31-35.

A. What warning does Jesus receive from some of the Pharisees?

B. How does Jesus respond to the warning? What does He say about Herod. Why is He intent on continuing toward Jerusalem?

C. What is His attitude and feeling about Jerusalem? What judgment does He pronounce upon her?

6. True or false. From this and the previous lesson, we can conclude that:
- A. There is no need to heed Jesus' warning. There is still plenty of time to respond.
  - B. God is patient, we need not worry.
  - C. Unless you repent, you will perish.
  - D. The way to God is broad; there are many roads to heaven.
  - E. The way is narrow, the door is narrow; Jesus is the only way to God, because Jesus said that He is the way, the truth and the life.