

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 07 Mar 2021..... Luke 10-13..... Neighbors?
- 2) 14 Mar..... Luke 14-16..... Celebrate?
- 3) **21 Mar..... Luke 17-18..... Worthy?**
- 4) 28 Mar..... Luke 19:28-48..... Worshipped
- 5) 04 Apr..... Luke 24:1-12..... Resurrected
- 6) 11 Apr..... Luke 19:1-27..... Sinners?
- 7) 18 Apr..... Luke 20-21..... Cornerstone
- 8) 25 Apr..... Luke 22:1-30..... Remembered
- 9) 02 May..... Luke 22:31-53..... Willing
- 10) 09 May..... Luke 22:54-71..... Denied
- 11) 16 May..... Luke 23..... Sacrificed
- 12) 23 May..... Luke 24:13-35..... Revealed
- 13) 30 May..... Luke 24:36-53..... Commissions

INTRODUCTION

• In these chapters there is a strong emphasis on possessions. Also, a blind man and 10 lepers get healed, but 9 of them were ungrateful.

Passage	Comments
17:1-4	<p>Forgiveness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forgiveness is a simple, yet complex concept • Without forgiveness from God we are doomed • We are to forgive others as God forgives us – totally and freely – but forgiveness does have conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ One must want forgiveness (e.g. thieves on cross) ◆ One must be sincere (though they may seek it 70x7) <p>More on Forgiveness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God is a God of forgiveness, graciousness, and compassion. He is slow to anger and abounds in lovingkindness..... Neh 9:17 • BUT, God refused to forgive His own people for their unrepentant rebellion & atrocities..... Ex 23:21; Josh 24:19; 2King 24:4 • And God will not forgive us if we do not forgive..... Mat 6:15 • Does this mean forgiveness, either from us or from God, is based on one's behavior? IOW, no repentance, no forgiveness? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ In many cases, YES. E.g., which thief on the cross went to Heaven? • Can forgiveness be unilateral or one-way. IOW, can we forgive a trespasser even if they do not seek or want our forgiveness? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Consider this. Do you forgive a child molester, then let them work again in the nursery? Only if you are a fool! Other principles apply. ◆ Yes, presumably God forgave, in some capacity, the murderers of Jesus (Lk 23:34) and Stephen (Acts 7:60), but that doesn't mean they made it to Heaven – unless there was true repentance from them. ◆ If they were not forgiven, can you imagine receiving more stripes for all eternity for murdering God's favorites, along with all their other sins?
17:5-10	<p>Increasing One's Faith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Apostles ask Jesus for Him to increase their faith, but Jesus doesn't do it, nor tells them how to do it • Instead, Jesus conveys everyone already has a measure of faith given to them by God.....Rom 12:3 • Even if someone's faith is as small as a seed it can still move mountains for the Kingdom of God • They just need to exercise it while doing their God-given duties in life (parenting, teaching, ministering, working the fields, cooking, cleaning, etc.) for it to grow
Luke 17:11-19	<p>Healing of 10 Lepers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlike the one lone leper of Luke 5:12-13, Jesus did not touch these lepers. They stood at a distance, Jesus saw them and told them to go the priests • Only 1 leper, a non-Jew, returned to say THANK YOU • If the other 9 were unsaved ingrates, Jesus healed them anyway – but was it by their faith or His mercy? • Principle. Even ingrates (saved or unsaved) can pray to receive blessings & mercy from God, for even God's goodness can lead ingrates to repentance..... Rom 2:4 <p>Miraculous Means. Of the 26 recorded healings by Jesus, most were instantaneous by a simple touch or word. Others involved multiple touches, or time, or by special means. E.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blind man – use of spit and a 2nd touch..... Mk 8:22-25 • Deaf/Mute – spitting & touching ears & tongue..... Mk 7:35 • 10 lepers healed after walking away..... Lk 17:11-19

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17:20-37	<p>The Coming of the Kingdom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The kingdom is still cloaked in some secrecy – It is not coming with something observable, but it is within us • God's kingdom is basically growing one soul at a time • "Where Lord?" – "Where the corpse is, the vultures will be gathered" – a euphemism indicating the Kingdom of God will be fully made known when God's wrath comes upon mankind at the end of time when there will be no hiding place from God's justice as no corpse in the field can be hid from vultures
18:1-8	<p>Parable of the Persistent Widow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some prayers God answers IMMEDIATELY, such as those who humbly request to be born again • However, Jesus tells His believing followers persistent praying for needs is a MUST..... WHY? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Persistence gives us time to adjust our will to God's
Key Aspects of Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praying is Asking and Receiving – It is not telling or commanding God what to do for us at our convenience • We have not, because we ask not..... James 4:2 • Fervent/persistent prayers of a righteous person accomplishes MUCH..... James 5:16 • We can boldly ask and confidently anticipate positive answers to our prayers if we meet certain conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God's glory & His will have priority..... Lk 11:12 2. We humble ourselves as God's servants..... Lk 17:10 3. We are righteous (repent from sins)..... Ps 34:17 • Even Jesus didn't get all of His prayers answered: E.g., "Father, remove this cup from me..."
18:9-14	<p>Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1st step in getting our prayers answered is getting right with God → Humble ourselves & sincerely repent
18:15-17	<p>Blessing of the Children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus again highlights the key to access God's throne – humble ourselves as a little child before a loving Dad
18:18-30	<p>The Rich Young Ruler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" • Possessions/money blinds us to our real need for God • Give away SELF & give Christ priority gives eternal life
18:31-34	<p>3rd Prediction of the Lord's Death</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v34. The gravity of the Lord's soon death was "hidden" from the Apostles..... WHY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Possibly due to not being ready to handle the truth as a first grader is not ready to handle calculus ◆ God's timing is not our timing
18:35-43	<p>A Blind Man Refuses to be Quiet and Receives Sight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark 10:46 tells us it was blind Bartimaeus • Principle. Again, persistence (aka, being a squeaky wheel) gets one heard • Principle. But know the difference between being biblically persistent and being a nuisance, or we could receive "leanness to our soul" for praying for things we shouldn't be praying for to satisfy our lust..... Ps 106:13-15

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

• The best way to bring the Kingdom of God to earth is to humble our self and persistently pray for and win one soul at a time

NEXT WEEK: Luke 19:28-48. Jesus entered Jerusalem, & His authority was challenged when He chased profiteers out of The Temple.

