

## Thy Kingdom Come – Luke 17 (20-37)

### I. When Will The Kingdom Come? (20-21)

#### A. The Kingdom Will not Come Predictably (20)

1. The Pharisees were waiting for the Kingdom (earthly)
  - a. They wanted power, rule, freedom from oppression
  - b. They wanted signs of the Kingdom's coming
2. The Kingdom was not coming how they expected
  - a. The Kingdom was not coming with observable signs
    - i. Meta with Genitive (association)  
- not spatial or manner
  - b. The Kingdom began in the heart by faith
    - i. Message of the Gospel = Kingdom
    - ii. Would grow until became a great tree (leaven)

#### B. The Kingdom Has Come Spiritually (21)

1. The Kingdom's Entrance will not come Spatially
  - a. They will not say "here it is" or "there it is"
  - b. They will have it reign in their hearts
    - i. It is IN you
    - ii. Could be among you (but best as in you)

Jesus turns and now teaches his disciples – They already had the beginning of the Kingdom. They had the faith that inaugurates its coming. They would be wondering about their own deliverance. they would want to know about Jesus' coming in power to make all things new.

### II. Where Will the Kingdom Come? (22-37)

#### A. The Kingdom Will Culminate In His Coming (22-33)

1. Before His Coming in Dominion Jesus Must Suffer (22-25)
  - a. Jesus Will Come in Power (22-24)
    - i. His Coming Will Be Desired By His People (22)
      - Desire to see His days
      - They will not see them
      - tragedy coming, heartbreak
    - ii. His Coming Will Be Undeniable By the World (23-24)
      - His Coming Will not be in Secret Places (23)
        - \*Don't follow those who say its here
        - \*Don't follow those who say its there
      - His Coming Will Be Evident To All (24)
        - \*Lightning is Seen by All
        - \*So will the Son's coming be
  - b. Jesus Must Suffer First (25)
    - i. He must suffer many things
    - ii. He must be rejected by this generation
    - iii. He must go to the cross and die

#### B. The Kingdom Will Reveal Men's Hearts (26-33)

1. Many Will Be Distracted By Their Lives (26-32)

a. God's Judgment Comes Suddenly On The Unprepared (26-30)

i. The Days of Noah (26-27)

- So Will it Be in the days of the Son of Man
- They were Caught Up with Life's activities
  - \*Eating and Drinking
  - \*Marrying and Given in Marriage
  - \*Concerned with Personal comfort, future
- Judgment Fell Suddenly
  - \*Flood

ii. The Days of Lot (28-29)

- They were caught up with life's activities
  - \*Eating Drinking
  - \* Buying Selling
  - \*Planting Building
- Judgment came suddenly
  - \*Destroyed Them All
  - \*So it will be in the Son's Coming

2. Judgment Will Fall On Those Who Love the World (31-32)

a. Man Cannot Love Worldliness And Enter The Kingdom (31)

i. Man Cannot Love His Possessions (31)

- Will not go in to gather his possessions
- People slept on the roof, often

ii. Man Cannot Love Pleasures of the World (31b-32)

- Don't Turn Back From the Field
- Remember Lot's Wife
  - \*She loved the riches and the pleasures of city life

3. Those Who Live For The Kingdom Will Enter (33)

a. Preserving Your life will lose it

- i. Keeping worldly pleasures, status, possessions

b. Losing Your life will keep it

- i. "keep" – guard, watch after
- ii. Giving life in Service to Christ

III. The Kingdom Culmination Will Be Self-Evident (34-37)

A. Judgment Will Come Suddenly (34-35)

- 1. Two will Be Working – One taken one left
- 2. Two will Be Sleeping – One taken one left

B. Judgment Will Be Unmistakeable (37)

1. Where Lord?

2. It Will Be Evident

- a. Where Buzzards are circling you know a body is there
- b. When it comes you will know it.