

When the Future is Uncertain – Luke 21:5-19

I. The People are Alarmed About the Future (5-8)

- a. Jesus Foretells the Destruction of the Temple (5-7)
 - i. Many were Marveling at the Temple (5)
 - 1. They admired the beauty and grandeur
 - 2. The symbol of Jewish life and religion
 - 3. God dwelt there, was worshiped there
 - ii. Jesus tells of the Temple's coming Destruction (6)
 - 1. No stone will be left on another
 - a. This was unbelievable
 - b. It took 40+ years to build
 - c. It would mean the end of Jewish life and religion
 - d. For a Jew it would mean the end of the world
- b. They Asked When the Destruction would Happen (7)
 - i. When will these things be?
 - ii. What will be the sign when they will take place
 - 1. They wanted insight
 - 2. They wanted a warning
 - 3. They couldn't live with the uncertainty
 - a. In Matt. They added "the end of the age"
 - b. This would signal the end of Jewish age
- c. We Are Alarmed About An Uncertain Future
 - i. The World is Consistently Getting worse
 - 1. Not just crime, but worldview issues
 - 2. When we see bad things coming in our lives
 - 3. We receive bad news about the future
 - 4. Things we don't understand

II. The People Are Instructed About How to Deal With Uncertainty (8-19)

- a. Do Not Be Led Astray (8)
 - i. Many false Deliverers would come to Israel
 - ii. Many will say the time is at hand
 - iii. Don't follow them
 - 1. People often fall into pragmatism when times are tough
 - 2. Fall back on worldly philosophies
 - 3. Take the easy path
 - 4. Use selfish means to get ahead
 - 5. Don't Follow the World's path
- b. Do Not Be Afraid (9-11)
 - i. Wars and Tribulation will come (9)
 - ii. Nations and Kingdoms will rise and fall (10)
 - iii. Disasters will happen (11)
 - 1. Earthquakes, Famines, Pestilences, Terrors, Signs
 - iv. Believers must know Trials are coming
 - 1. Trials used for our good
 - 2. Trials used to grow us in Christ

- 3. God's Purpose is for our Good
 - 4. No need to fear
- c. Be Prepared to Bear Witness (12-15)
 - i. Persecutions Will Come (12)
 - 1. Men will persecute You
 - a. They brought Apostles before Authorities
 - b. They persecute us in different ways
 - i. Hatred, Ridicule, Ostracize, etc.
 - ii. Early church was martyred on trumped up charges...so will you
 - 2. God Guides Through Persecution (13-15)
 - a. Don't Worry about it
 - b. God will Give you a mouth and wisdom
 - c. God will show you what to do
 - d. He will be with you through it
 - d. Do Not Submit or Draw Back (16-18)
 - i. Your Own Family Will Turn on You (16)
 - 1. The Disciples were delivered up by their families
 - 2. Some were even put to death
 - a. Lost family members don't understand
 - b. They become skeptical
 - c. They become convicted
 - ii. You Endure throughout eternity (17-19)
 - 1. You will be hated for His name
 - 2. You will be protected for eternity
 - a. You will never perish
 - b. You will gain eternal life