

## Man's Judgment of God's Counsel (Luke 7:29-35)

### I. God's Counsel is offered to man (29-30)

*(They have just heard Jesus proclaim John's greatness and the kingdom OF GOD)*

#### A. The Repentant Accept God's Judgments (29)

- a. "justified God" – He is just to Judge, He is right to condemn
- b. They had been baptized by John – baptism of repentance

#### B. The Unrepentant Refuse God's Judgments (30)

- a. "rejected the counsel of God"
- b. they were not baptized by John
- c. Refused repentance and Jesus' instruction

### II. Man Refuses God's Counsel (31-35)

#### A. They Were Like Unsatisfied Children (31-32)

- 1. Jesus said they were Like children playing in marketplace
  - a. Children would play games based on what they saw
  - b. Two popular games were "wedding" and "funeral"
    - They would pretend to party like at a wedding
      - i. Jewish weddings were week long festivities
    - They would pretend to mourn at funerals
      - i. Jewish funeral processions were very public
    - Out of this a children's taunt arose for those who refused to play anything.

#### 2. They refused to play weddings or funerals (32)

- a. They refused to dance when the flute was played
- b. They refused to weep when the dirge was sung

#### B. They Refused The Message Regardless of the Messenger (33-34)

##### 1. They rejected John the Baptist's Condemning Message (33)

- a. John came commanding repentance
- b. John condemned the Pharisees and demanded repentance
- c. John was soft on no sin and exalted God's law
- d. John came fasting and exalting the Law as the Pharisees did
- e. They said he was demonic because he condemned them

##### 2. They rejected Jesus' Message of Salvation (34)

- a. Jesus came eating and drinking with sinners
- b. Jesus associated with the lowest people even Gentiles
- c. Jesus and disciples did not fast as the Pharisees did
- d. They said he was too loose in his keeping of the law.

##### 3. John played "funerals" and Jesus played "weddings" they accepted neither

#### C. This revealed their true nature (35)

##### 1. Wisdom is known by her children

The children who accept neither reveal their nature

True wisdom is to understand the message and messenger