

FINAL STUDY NOTES - LUKE Chapter 12 3-24/25-2025

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OPENING PRAYER

LUKE – Chapter 12 – Beware of Hypocrisy - (vs. 1-3); Jesus Teaches the Fear of God – (vs. 4-7); Confess Christ Before Men – (vs. 8-12); The Parable of the Rich Fool, Covetousness – (vs. 13-21); Do not Worry, Focus on His Return – (vs. 22-34); The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant, Diligence – (vs. 35-48). Christ Brings Division, is Distressed – (vs. 49-53); Discern the Time – (vs. 54-56); Make Peace with Your Adversary – (vs. 57-59).

BEWARE OF THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES – HYPOCRISY

Luk 12:1 In the meantime, when an innumerable multitude of people had gathered together, so that they trampled one another, He began to say to His disciples first of all, "Beware of the leaven (always used negatively, sin) of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy (an actor playing a part).

- ***Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.*** Jesus is telling His disciples to beware of *hypocrisy*, which means wearing a mask. In the Greek theater, the actors used masks that they would hold over their faces, appearing to be something that they were not. What a curse *hypocrisy* has been to the church, where people are pretending to be something they are not!

Luk 12:2 For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known.

- **You might be trying to cover the truth, trying to hide behind the mask.** You might have the appearance of being one thing, when you are something else. But it is going to be revealed!

- ***Nor hidden that will not be known.*** Many famous personalities are being exposed. Jesus, being very gracious and very patient, gives warning. It is only after the warnings have been disregarded that the Lord then takes the next step. He exposes and reveals the hypocrisy that is there. The Lord said that "Look, it is going to be revealed. There is nothing hidden that He is not going to expose.

Luk 12:3 Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.

- **You are not going to get by with your double life**, with your double standards. God will make certain that it is exposed and that it is revealed.

HAVE NO FEAR, FRIENDS, BUT FEAR HIM! - Luk 12:4 "And I say to you, My friends (only time in the first three gospels this word is used), do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

- **The disciples of Jesus are seeing the anger that people have against Him.** They are going to kill some of you. Of the twelve, all will be martyred, except Judas Iscariot and John. He says to them, if fear is going to be a motivating factor, then understand. What I do not want you, *My friends*, to be afraid of those who can only kill the body! They can kill your body, but they cannot take your life. But do not be afraid of those who can kill your body and afterward have no power!

Luk 12:5 But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell (Gehenna); yes, I say to you, fear Him!

- **Yes, fear Him, who has power to cast into hell!** In the Bible, we have the places of punishment for the evil that are spoken of. There is that place called Hades, translated hell (*Sheol* in Hebrew). It is the word for the grave. In the Greek it is Hades, the place of incarceration or the place where the dead exist, divided into two compartments, (*Luke 16*).
- **But there is another place of punishment for the wicked**, which is the eternal place of punishment, called Gehenna. When Jesus speaks of Gehenna, He speaks in terms of the eternal punishment. Concerning Gehenna He said three times in (*Mark 9:44,46,48*) where ***"THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED!"*** Here He uses the word Gehenna.
- **One day, death and Hades will give up the dead which are in them, and they will stand** before the Great White Throne Judgment of God. Those whose names are not found written in the book of life will then be cast into Gehenna! This is the second death. So, Gehenna is the place of God's final disposition of the wicked, which Jesus said was prepared for Satan and his followers.
- **Hades is a temporary place in the heart of the earth. Gehenna is the eternal place of separation** from those who do not want to be with God! Do not fear him who can kill your body but afterward have no power. But rather, fear **the One who has authority after the physical death to determine your eternal destiny!** Yes, I say, Fear Him!
- ***Am I clear that the real me consists of body, soul, and spirit? That for the believer, we should not fear someone taking our life. Eventually we all will take our last breath. What we need to fear, is the One who determines our eternal destiny! - with God forever? Or apart from God forever?***

Luk 12:6 "Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins (a farthing is about one-half a cent)? And not one of them is forgotten before God.

- Jesus is saying sparrows are not worth much. Yet, your Father watches over every single one of them! Not one of them is forgotten before God!

Luk 12:7 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

- **It has been estimate that we have approximately 100,000 hairs on our head. Jesus is again illustrating how that your Father is omniscient, knowing all things.** Nothing passes Him. Every minute detail of your life is of concern to Him, even losing about seventy-five numbered hairs per day! That is how observant and concerned your heavenly Father is with you, more value than sparrows.

ACKNOWLEDGE CHRIST BEFORE MEN - Luk 12:8-10 "Also I say to you, whoever confesses (continually) Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God. [9] But he who denies (continually) Me before men will be denied before the angels of God. [10] "And anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven.

- **Matthew and Mark have the warning of the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit**, coupled with the casting out of the demon of the man who was deaf, mute, and blind, where they attributed the works of Jesus to Beelzebub. Here Jesus again is warning against the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit which is the continual rejection (to resist) of the witness of the Holy Spirit to your heart, that you need to surrender your life to Jesus Christ. If you are worried about it, you have not committed it!
- **God has provided only one means by which your sins can be forgiven.** That is through the death of His Son. The Holy Spirit bears witness to your heart that you need to surrender your life to Jesus. If you disregard, or resist that warning, there is no other means whereby your sins can be forgiven. Your sins will either be forgiven and pardoned because of the work of Jesus Christ, or they will be punished in Gehenna! Beware of turning your back upon the witness of the Holy Spirit to your heart!

Luk 12:11-12 "Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. [12] For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

- **Your Father is very concerned with you, He knows the minute details of your life.** He is watching over you. You do not have to be afraid. Secondly, Jesus is going to confess you before the angels. Thirdly, the Holy Spirit is going to help when you are brought before the tribunals and all. You are not going to have to worry about your defense, the Holy Spirit will give you the words of defense.
- **One of the classic examples of the Holy Spirit really giving the words for defense** is found in the book of Acts when Stephen is brought before the council. It is absolutely a classic. Another is that of the Apostle Paul, when he stood before the various judges, his answers to them were also classic.
- **Jesus said, You do not have to worry about what you are going say. The Holy Spirit will give you** the things that you are to say. Stephen's defense, *Acts 6-7* Read it over with this context. Note this truth does not say you are not to study and prepare for speaking His truth in your ministry to others!
- **Notice, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all committed to you!** The Father is watching over you. You do not have to be afraid. Jesus is confessing you before the holy angels. Now the Holy Spirit will be there to assist you when you stand before the tribunal.

THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL – BEWARE OF COVETOUSNESS - Luk 12:13 *Then one from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."*

- He is asking Jesus to arbitrate in a dispute between his brother and himself over an inheritance.

Luk 12:14 *But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?"*

- Probably both brothers who were fighting over this inheritance.

Luk 12:15 *And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."*

- **To covet is a sin. One of the ten commandments deals with coveting.** It is one of the Thou shalt not. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thy neighbor's wife, thy neighbor's servant, or anything that is thy neighbor's.
- **Paul the apostle said that he really did not understand this law, until the Spirit really quickened it to his heart.** Because coveting is something that is not an overt activity. It is something that goes on inside. Paul said I did not know that to covet was sin except the law said, Thou shalt not covet. This is dealing with an attitude. The Pharisees always interpret the law in outward things.
- **The law taught the respect for the rights and the property of others.** Jesus is warning these fellows, "*Beware of covetousness.*" Here they are fighting over their inheritance. Who gets the most and to whom does it really belong?
- **for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.** That goes against the common thought of man today. Because somehow we think that life does consist in possessions and in the abundance of possessions. It is always wanting just a little bit more!
- **Paul said, (1Ti 6:6) Now godliness with contentment is great gain.** Godliness with contentment, which is really being rich! (*Php 4:12*) *I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.*
- **How well have I learned "godliness with contentment is great gain!" Am I content with what He has given me, or am I always wanting just a little bit more?**

Luk 12:16 *Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully.*

- Now notice the rich man, all of the self-centered pronouns of "I" and "My!"

Luk 12:17-19 And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' [18] So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. [19] And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.' "

- **What a picture this is. A man is prosperous. His barns are full!** He has a bumper crop. And he said, What am I going to do? I have so many things. Notice, he is not satisfied nor thankful!
- **That is so true of human nature. We are never fully satisfied.** It is always wanting a little more. If I can just make this next step. But when you make that next step you find that you are empty there.

Luk 12:20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'

- **Then whose will those things be? That was Solomon's problem.** He had amassed so very much! It bothered him because he is just going to waste it. It took such wisdom and all to bring it together. (*Ecc 2:18-19a*) *Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me. [19] And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool?*
- **Fool! Jesus said, You fool!** You think that just that one more step is going to bring you satisfaction, but you are never going to make it. Tonight, you are going to die!

Luk 12:21 "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

- **What does it mean to be rich toward God?** This parable is of that person who has just laid up treasure for himself and is not rich towards God. He may be the wealthiest man on earth, but he is a pauper as far as God is concerned in spiritual things. Laying up treasures in heaven.
- **What eternal investments am I making in heavenly currency, moving funds from a profit-making account to making an eternal investment through supporting a faith based, eternal value, soul saving ministry?**

BE NOT ANXIOUS – BEWARE OF WORRY (to strangle)! - *Luk 12:22 Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on.*

- **Everyday God finds new ways to ask, "Do you trust Me?"** Arthur Roche said, "Worry is a trickle of fear running through the mind that cuts a crevice so deep it will drain all other thoughts away." Worry is assuming a responsibility God did not intend for you to have. It gives us a false view of life, and of God. We get so concerned about the means that we forget about the end, which is to glorify God!

Luk 12:23 Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. [24] Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?

- **Look around and see how God takes care of His creation!** They do not go through the pain and labor of laying up goods. Your Father feeds them. You are worth much more value!

Luk 12:25-26 And which of you by worrying can add one cubit (eighteen inches) to his stature? [26] If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest?

- **Worrying is not productive.** All your anxious thought and worry does not produce anything positive!

Luk 12:27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

- **These beautiful anemones grow all over the Holy Land** in the springtime! The hillsides are covered with these beautiful scarlet and blue and white anemones.
- **Yet, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.** With all his wealth and glory, he did not have robes that were as pretty as those hillsides, clothed and bathed in the scarlet colors.

Luk 12:28 If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith?

- **How much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith?** Worry blinds us to the world around us and the way God cares for His creation. God makes the flowers beautiful and feeds the unclean ravens who neither sow nor reap.

Luk 12:29 "And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind.

- **Having a doubtful mind, wondering,** Oh my, what am I going to do?

Luk 12:30 For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things.

- **Your Father knows that you have need of the basic things of life.** Worry can keep us from growing and makes us like the unsaved world. (*Rom 14:23c*) *for whatever is not from faith is sin.*

- **How do we win over worry?** We realize that God knows our needs. (Rom 8:32) *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?* Strive for the Divine viewpoint. His pleasures and our treasures must go together. If our hearts are fixed on the things of earth, we will always worry!
- **Hold loosely to the world's goods.** It is not wrong to own things so long as the things don't own us!
- **How much of my life is given over to worry? How is my focus on the Lord's return?**

Luk 12:31 *But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.*

- **Priorities. Keep God first. Seek the kingdom of God first!** God will take care of these other things if you put Him first. If you do not put Him first, That will be your whole life. You will have no time for Him!
- **Whereas if you will seek first the kingdom of God,** your Father knows that you have need of these things. He will take care of them. He will take care of them much better than you can!

Luk 12:32 *"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*

- **God wants to give you the best!** What a glorious verse!

Luk 12:33 *Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys.*

- **Put your investment in eternal things, in heavenly currency.** Invest in the things that are eternal, not in those things that are going to decay. Those things that are corrupted.

Luk 12:34 *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

- **Now Jesus begins to warn them concerning His coming, and what our attitude** should be since the Lord is coming back at any time.

YOU MUST BE READY – THE CALL TO DILIGENCE – FOCUS ON THE LORD'S RETURN!

The best way to conquer hypocrisy, covetousness, and worry is to **focus on the Lord's return!** Make that the overwhelming priority in my life, daily!

Luk 12:35-36 *"Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; [36] and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding (always at the Father's house) that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately.*

- **The parable of the ten virgins. (Mat 25:1-13)** Their lights had gone out. *Let your lamps be burning.* But then, your *waist be girded.* He talking about, pulling the robe up, tying a sash around to hold the robe up so that their legs would be free to move.
- **Men who wait for their master. You are just there all set waiting for the Lord** to come through the door so that you might serve Him, the moment He knocks! You are there; you are ready! You have been watching. You have been waiting. You have been in preparation, all set for Him to come.

Luk 12:37 *Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them.*

- **We remember the night that Jesus had that Last Supper with His disciples.** How that He girded Himself, took a towel, and went around and washed their feet. How He served them. Jesus is saying, If you are ready, if you are watching, when He comes, ready to serve Him, then *He will gird Himself* and He in turn will serve you. Our blessed Lord. How beautiful!

Luk 12:38 *And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.*

- **Still waiting, second watch goes by, He has not come yet. Third watch.** When He comes and they are there still waiting. *Blessed are those servants!*

Luk 12:39-41 *But know this, that if the master of the house (Satan) had known what hour the thief (Jesus taking His bride) would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. [40] Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." [41] Then Peter said to Him, "Lord, do You speak this parable only to us, or to all people?"*

- **Do not let any man tell you when Jesus is coming again.** Many books have been written in the last decades. Many dates have been set. But Jesus plainly says, "*Be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect!*" Whenever people set a date, know that He is not going to come then.
- **Peter at this point interrupts Him. He is talking about His coming.** How that they should be ready, they should be watching, they should be waiting. Is that for us? Is that for everybody?
- **Jesus is speaking to us!** How much more to us who live in these days as we almost constantly see now signs of His coming, and that is the earthquakes. We know of the pestilences, COVID and all.

- **Jesus is saying, Look, you be like a servant who is watching, who is waiting.** All set, waiting for the Lord to come. The moment He knocks, you will be able to open the door. That is the attitude that He wants the church to have. That of expectancy and that of waiting for the Lord.

Luk 12:42 And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season?"

- Jesus said "I speak this parable to all who will live their life in readiness, even as *a faithful and wise steward*." The issue here is rewards not salvation!

Luk 12:43 Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.

- **Doing what? Ruling over the Lord's household and giving them their food in due season.** Peter wrote in (1Pe 5:2) Shepherd the flock of God, which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly.
- **Who is the steward that the Lord is going to put over His flock?** The one who gives them their food in due season. The one who loves, takes care of them, tends them, feeds them. This is what the Lord wants. "Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes!"
- **Am I ready for His return? Am I watching, waiting, and working?**

Luk 12:44-46 Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. [45] But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, [46] the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

- A very stern warning by Jesus concerning those that He has entrusted with spiritual things by which they are to feed and to take care of God's flock. They begin to abuse their position, enriching themselves, living luxuriously, while neglecting the flock.
- What is going to happen? The Lord said He is going to "cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers." We need to balance that out with the question; Can a person who is a Christian ever be lost?

Luk 12:47 And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

- Here Jesus is teaching that there will be degrees of punishment in hell. That one who has knowledge of the Lord's will knows better and yet does not do the Lord's will, he will be beaten with many stripes.

Luk 12:48 But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

- A man will be held responsible for the knowledge that he has. Those who had been given much will be held to a higher standard and a greater accountability than those who did not know! This is the answer to that poor fellow in the dark jungles of Africa who has never heard of Jesus Christ. The Lord will be fair in His judgment and justice will prevail.
- I am more interested in the fellow who knows and is not heeding. He is the one who is in big trouble. And you ought to be more worried about yourself than the fellow who is out there in the dark jungles of Africa because you have heard and you know! You are responsible for what you have heard and what you know! God will take care of him. But He will also take care of you.
- We are more without excuse more than any generation in history! God will be fair! But we are called to know His will (Col 1:9) *For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; and grow in our knowledge of Him. (2Pe 3:18) but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.*
- **Do I really understand that I have been given more information regarding the end times and His faithfulness than any generation in history? That where much has been given, much is required?**

NOT PEACE, BUT DIVISION - I HAVE A BAPTISM, HOW DISTRESSED I AM! Luk 12:49 "I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!"

- Jesus is going to speak now of His cross and of the effect that Christianity is going to have. Remember how Joshua, in the conquest of the Promised Land, faced opposition and conflict!

- **To the Jews, fire was a symbol of judgment** and of our Lord's coming into this world will bring judgment. (*Joh 9:39*) *And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind."*

Luk 12:50 *But I have a baptism (the cross) to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!*

- **He is going to come to bring judgment, to bring fire upon the earth;** and already that judgment is being kindled. All the verbs here are passive!
- **But I have a baptism, to be baptized with.** And He is talking now of His death, His crucifixion. "I have a baptism. When James and John were asking if they could have places of prominence, one sitting on the left and one sitting on the right, He said, (*Mat 20:22*) *But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able."*
- **And how distressed I am till it is accomplished! There is this realization** that He is on His way to Jerusalem and that the cross awaits Him there. This is a dominating factor in His consciousness at this point. I am distressed until it is accomplished! (*Heb 5:7-8*) who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, [8] though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.
- **Jesus said, "How distressed I am till it is accomplished!" Does this account help me to understand more fully how huge Jesus' accomplishment was for me in taking the full wrath of God upon Himself for my sin? And for the sin of the whole world?**
- Jesus is saying, I have come into this world relative to My coming is an accomplishment, not My own, a fulfillment, a purpose. I am going to bring fire on the earth, the ultimate judgment!
- **It is distressing within Me until it is accomplished!** In that process He would take the fire that God is going to send on a Christ rejecting world! He would remove it from you and me! Through His baptism, that fire of God's judgment is no longer coming upon us, because it came upon Him on the cross!
- **That cup of God's wrath, his indignation was poured out in full strength!** The smoke of the torment of it rises forever and ever, Revelation, chapter fourteen. Something happened there that no cinematographer will ever be able to put in front of us. Propitiation, all the just demands of God's justice, His wrath, His anger, were satisfied regarding you and me; poured out on Him now!

Luk 12:51 *Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division.*

- (*Mat 10:34*) *"Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword."*

Luk 12:52-53 *For from now on five in one house will be divided; three against two, and two against three. [53] Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.*

- **The Gospel is going to bring a division** between those who believe and those who reject. Even in households, there will be brought a division between those who are a part of the kingdom of God and those who are not! The division between the believers and non-believers!

INTERPRETING THE TIME - Two Parables; The Weather; Do Right, Settle out of Court! - Luk 12:54-56 *Then He also said to the multitudes, "Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west (over the Mediterranean), immediately you say, 'A shower is coming'; and so it is. [55] And when you see the south wind blow, you say, 'There will be hot weather'; and there is. [56] Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern (you can, but you would not) this time?*

- **They should have known that the time for the Messiah has come!** There was enough happening **right then** that they should have responded. Had they really read the scriptures, they would have known that it has been 483 years since the commandment, which is this year! Now you know!
- **When you see the clouds rising over the Mediterranean, you say that we are going to have rain.** You feel the south wind begin to blow, you say it is going to be a hot day. You can discern the skies and the earth; you understand these things, but you do not understand the most important thing!
- **The Lord expected them to know that the time for the Messiah was coming.** It was there. It was upon them. There was enough wind blowing that they were all able to understand. They were refusing to acknowledge the critical time that was upon them. In that way they were hypocrites!

- The Lord expects us to know the times of His coming again! Surely as we see, the wars, the earthquakes, the pestilences, and the famines, we should realize that we are getting close to that hour, and we need to be watching. We need to be ready!

SETTLE WITH YOUR ACCUSER - Luk 12:57 *"Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right?*

- You ought to be able to judge among yourselves (believers, rather than unbelieving judges) those things which are right, those things which are honest.

Luk 12:58-59 *When you go with your adversary to the magistrate, make every effort along the way to settle with him, lest he drag you to the judge, the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. [59] I tell you, you shall not depart from there till you have paid the very last mite."*

- Jesus warns that we ought to settle our differences among ourselves, not going to court. Paul said in (1Co 6:3) *Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?* He rebuked the church of Corinth because they were going before the earthly, suing one another before unbelieving magistrates. Paul said that the church ought to judge these matters. Don't you know that we are going to be judging angels?
- **All men will be held accountable.** We all have a day of reckoning! (2Co 6:2) *For He says: "IN AN ACCEPTABLE TIME I HAVE HEARD YOU, AND IN THE DAY OF SALVATION I HAVE HELPED YOU."* Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

SUMMARY

- **Am I clear that the real me consists of body, soul, and spirit? That for the believer, we should not fear someone taking our life. Eventually we all will take our last breath. What we need to fear, is the One who determines our eternal destiny! - with God forever? Or apart from God forever? (Luke 12:5)**
- **How well have I learned "godliness with contentment is great gain!" Am I content with what He has given me, or am I always wanting just a little bit more? (Luke 12:15)**
- **What eternal investments am I making in heavenly currency, moving funds from a profit-making account to making an eternal investment through supporting a faith based, eternal value, soul saving ministry? (Luk 12:21).**
- **How much of my life is given over to worry? (Luke 12:30)**
- **Am I ready for His return? Am I watching, waiting, and working? (Luke 12:43)**
- **Do I really understand that I have been given more information regarding the end times and His faithfulness than any generation in history? That where much has been given, much is required? (Luke 12:48)**
- **Jesus said, "How distressed I am till it is accomplished!" Does this account help me to understand more fully how huge Jesus' accomplishment was for me in taking the full wrath of God upon Himself for my sin? And for the sin of the whole world? (Luke 12:50)**

CLOSING SONG - I SURRENDER ALL! - VanDeVenter; Weeden - Maranatha! Praise Band (2:33/2:36)

1. All to Jesus I surrender; all to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.

Refrain - I surrender all, I surrender all, all to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender; Lord, I give myself to Thee; fill me with Thy love and power; let Thy blessing fall on me. (Refrain)

3. All to Jesus I surrender; now I feel the sacred flame. O the joy of full salvation! Glory, glory, to His name! (Refrain)

CLOSING PRAYER - NEXT WEEK: Read and study Luke Chapter 13!