

LUKE 12:49-14:24

⁴⁹“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵²From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. ⁵⁵And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. ⁵⁶Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?”

⁵⁷“Why don’t you judge for yourselves what is right? ⁵⁸As you are going with your adversary to the magistrate, try hard to be reconciled on the way, or your adversary may drag you off to the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. ⁵⁹I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.”

¹⁵The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? ¹⁶Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?” ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

¹⁸Then Jesus asked, “What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? ¹⁹It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches.” ²⁰Again he asked, “What shall I compare the kingdom of God to? ²¹It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

²²Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. ²³Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?”

He said to them, ²⁴“Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. ²⁵Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’

“But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’

²⁶“Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’

²⁷“But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’

²⁸“There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. ²⁹People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. ³⁰Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.”

⁸“When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” ¹²Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

¹⁵When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁶Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’

¹⁸“But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’

¹⁹“Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’

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²⁰“Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’

²¹“The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’

²²“‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’

²³“Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. ²⁴I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’”



The Gospel and Division

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DIVISION

- When Jesus says he’s coming to bring division, he’s forcing a _____.

EVIDENCE

- Jesus pushes us to gather the _____, and make a _____.

JUDGMENT

- Jesus is urging us to settle our _____ with God before the debt comes due.
- It doesn’t matter if you’re a big sinner or a little sinner; _____ is the only way to survive the coming encounter with the Judge.

REPENTANCE

- Repentance is a change in the _____ of your _____ that comes out of a change in the _____ of your _____.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- When Jesus tells these parables, he’s inviting us to _____.
- The question begins as “*Will the saved be _____?*”, but Jesus turns it to, “*Will the saved be _____?*”

THE WEDDING FEAST

- God will _____ those who _____ themselves.

SONGS

Great Things

Verse 1

Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

Chorus

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the
grave
You free every captive and break every
chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and
alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted
high
O God You have done great things

Verse 2

You've been faithful through every
storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things
God You do great things

Bridge

Hallelujah God above it all
Hallelujah God unshakable
Hallelujah You have done great things
You've done great things

CCLI Song # 7111321

I Surrender

Verse 1

Here I am
Down on my knees again
Surrendering all
Surrendering all

Verse 2

Find me here
Lord as You draw me near
Desperate for You
Desperate for You
I surrender

Verse 3

Drench my soul
As mercy and grace unfold
I hunger and thirst
I hunger and thirst

Verse 4

With arms stretched wide
I know You hear my cry
Speak to me now
Speak to me now

Chorus

I surrender
I surrender
I want to know You more
I want to know You more

Bridge

Like a rushing wind
Jesus, breathe within
Lord have Your way
Lord have Your way in me
Like a mighty storm
Stir within my soul
Lord have Your way
Lord have Your way in me
(Lord have Your way)
(Lord have Your way in me)

CCLI Song # 6177317

Come Thou Fount

Verse 1

Come Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's unchanging love

Verse 2

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Verse 3

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace now like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

CCLI Song # 7055916

PRAYER

Psalm 7

- ¹ Lord my God, I take refuge in you;
save and deliver me from all who
pursue me,
- ² or they will tear me apart like a lion
and rip me to pieces with no one to
rescue me.
- ³ Lord my God, if I have done this
and there is guilt on my hands
- ⁴ if I have repaid my ally with evil or
without cause have robbed my
foe—

- ⁵ then let my enemy pursue and
overtake me; let him trample my life
to the ground and make me sleep
in the dust.
- ⁶ Arise, Lord, in your anger; rise up
against the rage of my enemies.
Awake, my God; decree justice.
- ⁷ Let the assembled peoples gather
around you, while you sit enthroned
over them on high.
- ⁸ Let the Lord judge the peoples.
Vindicate me, Lord, according to
my righteousness, according to my
integrity, O Most High.
- ⁹ Bring to an end the violence of the
wicked and make the righteous
secure— you, the righteous God
who probes minds and hearts.
- ¹⁰ My shield is God Most High, who
saves the upright in heart.
- ¹¹ God is a righteous judge, a God who
displays his wrath every day.
- ¹² If he does not relent, he will sharpen
his sword; he will bend and string
his bow.
- ¹³ He has prepared his deadly weapons;
he makes ready his flaming arrows.
- ¹⁴ Whoever is pregnant with evil
conceives trouble and gives birth to
disillusionment.
- ¹⁵ Whoever digs a hole and scoops it
out falls into the pit they have
made.
- ¹⁶ The trouble they cause recoils on
them; their violence comes down
on their own heads.
- ¹⁷ I will give thanks to the Lord because
of his righteousness; I will sing the
praises of the name of
the Lord Most High.