

LUKE 12:1-31

Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. 2 There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. 3 What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.

4 "I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. 5 But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. 6 Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. 7 Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

8 "I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. 9 But whoever disowns me before others will be disowned before the angels of God. 10 And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. 11 "When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, 12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say."

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

14 Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?"

15 Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

16 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

18 "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."'

20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

21 "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

22 Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. 24 Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! 25 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? 26 Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

27 "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 28 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! 29 And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. 30 For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.



The Fear of the Lord

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An Overview of the Fear of the Lord:

1. Jesus _____ the biblical teaching of "The Fear of the Lord." (Luke 12:4-5)
 - It overpowers the fear of man... and everything else.
 - The only way to overcome the fear of man is to fear God.
2. God is the only thing we are instructed to _____ (Pro. 16:2, 17:3, Eccl. 12:13)
3. The fear of the Lord is for our good and leads to _____ (Pro. 19:23, 22:4)
4. Its opposite is "_____" to turn away from what is right.
 - Rebellion: Trouble submitting to authority.
 - A Hardened Heart: God keeps speaking, but we don't want to listen.
 - Envy: You refuse to accept with gratitude what God has given you.
 - Being wise in your own eyes: Tries to pull off what they can in their own wisdom.

How the Fear of the Lord Changes Us:

1. It produces _____ and repels hypocrisy (Luke 12:1-3)
 - Live in awareness that nothing is kept secret from God (v. 3)
2. It produces _____ and repels fear (Luke 12:4-12)
 - If you live in the fear of the Lord, you can trust that the Holy Spirit will empower you in the hour of need (v. 12)
3. It produces _____ and repels covetousness (Luke 12:15-21)
 - Leverage things that won't last to impact the things that will last (v. 21)
4. It produces _____ and repels worry (Luke 12:22-31)
 - If you are seeking the priorities of God, you can have the assurance that God will provide for you as your loving Father.

SONGS

The Highest and The Greatest

Verse 1

Wake every heart and every tongue
To sing the new eternal song
And crown Him King of Glory now
Confess Him Lord of all

Chorus

You are the highest
You are the greatest
You are the Lord of all
Angels will worship
Nations will bow down
To the Lord of all

Verse 2

A day will come when all will sing
And glorify our matchless King
Your Name unrivaled stands alone
You are the Lord of all

Bridge

Oh let every heart
Let every tongue
Sing of Your Name
Sing of Your Name
Let every heart
Let every tongue
Sing sing sing

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Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Verse 1

What gift of grace
is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more
for heaven now to give

He is my joy
my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love
my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine
I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark
but I am not forsaken
For by my side
the Saviour he will stay
I labour on
in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need
his power is displayed

To this I hold
my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley
he will lead
Oh the night has been won
and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure
the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled
and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised
to overthrow the grave

To this I hold
my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released
I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath
I long to follow Jesus
For he has said
that he will bring me home
And day by day
I know he will renew me
Until I stand
with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete
still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the
Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

Verse 3

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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PRAYER

Proverbs 1:1-7

¹ The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

² for gaining wisdom and instruction;

for understanding words of insight;

³ for receiving instruction in prudent behavior,

doing what is right and just and fair;

⁴ for giving prudence to those who are simple,

knowledge and discretion to the young—

⁵ let the wise listen and add to their learning,

and let the discerning get guidance—

⁶ for understanding proverbs and parables,

the sayings and riddles of the wise.

⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,

but fools despise wisdom and instruction.