

## Luke 18-21

1. Jesus doesn't want faithful Christians to become lazy or discouraged in continuing to ask God to mete out justice against false Christians who persecute them since such prayers will lead to a speedy fulfillment (18:1-8a; See context in 17:22-25 = Faithful Christians are the audience).
2. Jesus suggests that there will not be many faithful Christians in existence at the time of His return (18:8b; Mat 24:12).
3. No one will be justified before God who does not confess and repent of their sins and submit themselves in full obedience to God and His justice (18:9-14 = The Pharisees were lawless hypocrites – Mat 23:28; “twice a week” [δύο του σαββατου] = twice on the Sabbath; “humbles himself” = Confesses, repents and obediently submits – Jam 4:6-10).
4. Children of covenant members belong to (and are valuable to) Jesus. Hence the reason special provision is made for their baptism/early entrance into the “kingdom of God” (18:15-16).
5. Child-like trust in God - not experience in the world or wickedness, is the key to appreciating Him and His kingdom (18:17; “receive” = Welcome or appreciate – Mar 6:11; Joh 4:45).
6. Salvation/eternal life requires maintaining the salvation/covenant relationship we gained, thru faithful obedience to ALL of God's commands (18:18-23 = Though this covenant Jew kept most of God's commands, he ignored/refused to obey God's command to care for the covenant poor [Deu 15:7-8], and therefore would not be inheriting eternal life).
7. Being wealthy is a curse since few wealthy people get to heaven outside of God's exceptional mercy (18:23-27).
8. Those who submit their entire lives (including their loyalties to family and possessions) to the Lordship (control/will) of Jesus will: 1) lose (or forego) things in this life (18:28), 2) receive back – both in this life and the life to come, things much more valuable than what they gave up (18:29-30; 2Co 4:17-18).
9. Living your life for God will oftentimes get you mistreated and not be immediately understood by others – especially those who don't know God's Word (18:31-34; 2Ti 3:12; Mat 22:29).
10. Believing that Jesus is Who He claimed to be (“Jesus, Son of David” versus “Jesus of Nazareth”) is key to receiving His earthly blessings and following Him (18:35-43; Act 9:1-5 w/2Co 4:13).
11. Repentance unto salvation requires confession and doing what God's Law requires in relation to justice (19:1-10).
12. In fulfillment of OT prophecy, Jesus as Messiah came to earth to restore to the covenant the lost sheep of Israel (19:9-10; Jer 31:1-37; Eze 34:11-16; Mat 15:24).
13. Our reward in heaven (or the “kingdom” of God in heaven) will be: 1) realized only after we have spent a lifetime working for it (11-12; “far country” = It will be a long-time before the slaves see their Master and receive a reward), 2) infinitely more valuable and yet proportionate to the investment of our gifts, abilities and opportunities for the kingdom here on earth (19:17 w/13, 15-19; Mat 16:27; again 2Co 4:17-19).
14. We will be condemned to Hell if we don't invest the gifts, abilities and opportunities for the advancement of Jesus' kingdom (19:20-26).
15. We don't have a say as to Jesus' reign as King, only whether He slaughters or saves us (19:14 w/27).
16. Jesus taught the loss of salvation (19:24-27).

17. Jesus declared himself God's Savior King and those who are truly His disciples are not ashamed to be loud in their proclamation of it to others (19:28-39; Rom 1:16).
18. Those who are ashamed of Jesus are dumber than rocks (19:40).
19. God destroys His house and those within it (its people and children) when His leaders no longer: 1) know the gospel of "peace" (19:41-44), 2) uphold justice (19:45-46; Isa 56:7; Jer 7:11), 3) listen to the "teaching" of Jesus (19:47-48).
20. Moral rebellion is often disguised as ignorance (20:1-8).
21. When Jesus' heavenly authorities (on earth) act as though they have authority over Him, His Law and kingdom, then Jesus removes them and gives His authority, Law and kingdom (on earth) to others (20:1-19; e.g. Satan and then the Jews; See Col 2:15 and Eph 2:19-3:12 w/Mat 16:19).
22. Truth loves an appeal (20:20-40).
23. Truth exposes and condemns the ignorance and hypocrisy of flaky people and false teachers who act as those they possess the truth (20:41-47).
24. How much we sacrifice for God reveals how much we trust Him with our lives (21:1-4; The rich sacrificed nothing, the widow everything).
25. Jesus' first advent (after His resurrection) took place at the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. (21:5-7 = Their question is in relation to the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem; 21:8-19 = Its destruction w/pre-empted by false rumors of Jesus' return, trouble in the world, tragedies and Christian persecution; 21:20-24 = Its destruction and God's vengeance against her w/imminent only when Gentile armies are surrounding her walls; 21:25-31 = Jerusalem's destruction will shake the heavens and represent Christ's first advent for the purpose judging/divorcing OC Israel and granting justice/"redemption"/the transfer of God's kingdom to NC Israel; 21:32-33 = The proof that this is about the destruction of Jerusalem/divorce of Jesus from OC Israel; See also Mat 24:15-35 and Rev 5-19; Why I say first advent after His resurrection = B/C there have been prior "days of the Lord" or Jesus coming in national judgment – e.g. Joe 2:1-11).
26. The most deadly form of heart disease is a heart consumed w/the cares and pleasures of this world (21:34-36).
27. God's house cannot be preserved by the preaching of Jesus if her leaders are corrupt (21:5-6, 20-24 w/37-38).