

Luke 13:10-35 – 4 June 2023

“Contrasting Hearts In Salvation”

Introduction

- *Beginning in Chap 10, Jesus is going thru Judean cities on His way to Jerusalem for final time
- *Chap 12 – Instruction on getting our eyes off reputation & earthly possessions & onto Jesus' kingdom
- *Chap 13 opened with a call for us all to repent which is to change our hearts
- *Now the rest of Chap 13 is a wonderful contrast in heart conditions – from God to believers, to unbelievers, to Satan himself
- *As we examine these heart conditions, we find that their actions effect people either for or against Christ in His mission to redeem the souls of men

So chap 13 presents four sets of contrasting actions that will aid or hinder the salvation of souls

1st set of contrasting actions are: Man prevents while God provides (Vs 10-17)

Read Vs 10-11 – *Healing a woman at Synagogue*

1. It's foolish to think that physical problems can't have a spiritual cause
2. It's also foolish to think that physical problems always have a spiritual cause

Read Vs 12-13

1. Notice Jesus called to her, not vis versa
2. Evidence she was faithful
 - a. After 18 years she's still coming to God at the synagogue looking for salvation
 - b. When healed she glorified God
3. His words are both compassionate & authoritative

Read Vs 14-16

1. This ruler of the synagogue is blind to the heart of God

- a. The heart of man isn't interested in helping others unless there's something in it for them
- 2. God gave the Sabbath law, not to prevent us from good things, but to provide good things
 - a. Provides rest & time to reflect of God's goodness
 - b. Not to prevent fun or caring for people
 - c. How do you see God's Word?
- 3. Don't let our rules and traditions keep us from serving others

Read Vs 17

- 1. God's ways & truth will put man's logic to shame (Read Rom 3:19)

2nd set of contrasting actions are: Satan corrupts while the church concedes (Vs 18-21)

Read Vs 18-19 – *Two Parables of Corruption*

- 1. “Became a great tree” – pictures abnormal growth

2. “Fowls” – Satan’s forces, (ie Sower & Seed)
3. Satan wants to attack from within the Church
 - a. Acts 4 – Attack from without (Jews)
 - b. Acts 5 – Attack from within (Ananias)

Read Vs 20-21

1. Leaven is that corrupting element that invades
 - a. Leaven is always a consistent picture of sin
2. Well how can there be sin in Kingdom of God?
 - a. Kingdom is among us even now (Luke 17:21)
 - b. Kingdom shall be purified at the end of the age (Matt 13:24-30)
3. “Until the whole was leavened” – Satan will spread deceivers to every part of the church
 - a. Can you tell difference between lies & the truth within the so-called church?
 - b. Are you ready to withstand the lies?

3rd set of contrasting actions are: Unbelievers try while believers trust (Vs 22-30)

Read Vs 22-24 – *Narrow is the Gate to life*

1. The question is about quantity that enter, but Jesus' response is about the quality of how to enter
2. Why's it many seek life but aren't able to find it?
 - a. B/c the gate is so narrow that there is but One door
 - b. Read John 10:9 – If you're being told to approach any other door, you will find it locked & you abide in the place of destruction
3. All the paths on the broad way would have you say, 'what can I do to enter into life?'
4. The singular path of the narrow way shows what Jesus has done for us

Read Vs 25-27

1. Notice the emphasis on what they DID doesn't gain entrance to the kingdom
 - a. Just like fowls or leaven, being in & around kingdom of God doesn't make you a member

- b. Not ‘doing’ but a heart condition gains entrance
- c. “I never knew you” – believe, trust & a daily walk
- d. Read Matt 7:21 – Doing God’s will is what gains entrance
 - i. Read John 6:29 – The work is to believe

2. “Workers of iniquity” – either that or Spirit-filled fruit-bearers

- a. Are you concerned w/ your works or bearing fruit?
- b. Are you in God’s garden or Satan’s factory?

Read Vs 28-29

- 1. Interesting that those thrust out of God’s presence (which is hell) are aware of the kingdom
- 2. Many Gentiles will join into the kingdom
 - a. Jesus said in John 10:16 ‘other sheep I have’

Read Vs 30

- 1. It’s not just the people that you’d expect
- 2. Not a universal (Not all 1st will be last)

4th set of contrasting actions are: Man rejects while Jesus redeems (Vs 31-35)

Read Vs 31-33

1. Fox is meaningful as in ‘a cunning but weak one’ as opposed to a lion that would rule
 - a. Jesus later stands before Herod in judgement
 - b. Jesus will have nothing to say to him
 - c. How bad is your condition when Jesus has nothing to say to you, not even an offer of repentance?
2. ‘Today, tomorrow & third day’ – the deliberate nature and focus of Jesus for His mission
3. For prophet accused of being false, he must be taken before the Sanhedrin in Jerusalem & tried

Read Vs 34-35

1. Jesus not just wants to bless, but primarily He wants to deliver them from danger (under wings)
 - a. Destruction is coming to spoil & rob them
2. Jesus didn’t come to “make our life better”, but to save us from destruction to come

3. Luke 19:41 will tell us Jesus wept looking over Jerusalem – 1 of only 2 times He weeps
 - a. We need this heart for saving people
4. “Blessed is He who comes in the name...”
 - a. They’ll say that at the Triumphal entry
 - b. But Jesus says John 5:43 – “I come in My Father’s name & you receive Me not, another”
 - c. This will yet be said at 2nd Coming (Psm 118)

Conclusion

So have you asked Jesus to save you? Have you been given a new heart?

1. Do you see God’s Word properly?
 - a. **Man prevents but God provides**
2. Do you see the attack on the Church from w/i?
 - a. **Satan corrupts, don’t be of those that concede**
3. Are you resting in Christ’s finished work?
 - a. **Unbelievers try but believers trust**
4. Are you still in your sins against God?
 - a. **Man rejects but Jesus redeems**