

# 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**

## **1<sup>st</sup> 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)

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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?

### **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> will be last)

## **4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**