

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



July 23, 2023

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. II Timothy 3:16 (ESV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

Alliance Core Value #4

Knowing and obeying God's Word
is fundamental to all true success.

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Joshua 1:8 (ESV)

“Beware and Be Aware!”
Jesus’ Final Warnings Before The Cross
Luke 20:45-21:19
Minister Bethany Rivera

Introduction

3 Warnings

1. Beware of The Teachers of Law
2. Be Aware of Your Heart While Giving
3. Beware of Distractions During the End Times

Scripture Passage

Luke 20:45-21:19 (NIV)

Warning Against the Teachers of the Law

45 While all the people were listening, Jesus said to his disciples, 46 “Beware of the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. 47 They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”

The Widow’s Offering

21 As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. 2 He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. 3 “Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. 4 All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

The Destruction of the Temple and Signs of the End Times

5 Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, 6 “As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.” 7 “Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?” 8 He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them. 9 When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.” 10 Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. 11 There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

12 “But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. 13 And so you will bear testimony to me. 14 But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. 15 For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. 16 You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. 17 Everyone will hate you because of me. 18 But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 Stand firm, and you will win life.

1. Beware of the Teachers of the Law

- a. This is Jesus’ final public word and it’s a warning to the people listening
- b. The religious leaders want to be served, this is in direct contrast to Jesus
 - i. Matthew 20:28: “The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
- c. His final message is to hungry learners and listeners because His heart is for the people
- d. If you teach the bible beware
 - i. James 3:1 “Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly”
- e. If you are a hungry disciple beware
 - i. Be careful what you consume and whose feet you sit at

2. Be Aware of Your Heart While Giving

- a. Setting the scene & historical context
- b. Giving that pleases God
 - i. *Dependence on God* - Matthew 6:25-26
 - ii. *Big faith in God* - Hebrews 11:16
- c. How much do we give??
 - iv. C.S. Lewis offers this advice: “The only safe rule is to give more than we can spare...there ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditure excludes them.”
 - v. Faith Promise Giving

3. **Beware of Distractions During The End Times**

- a. The temple & idolatry
- b. Jesus' pastoral words to His disciples
 - i. Warren W. Weirsbe sums up this passage as Jesus saying "Don't be deceived! Don't be afraid! Don't worry!"
 - ii. When will Jesus return??
 1. Matthew 24:14
 - iii. C&MA focus - bring the King back

Personal Application

- Ask the Holy Spirit - "What is for me today?"
- Faith Promise Giving

IV. **Worshipping God through Our Offerings**

Stewardship Principle #1

<p>The tithe belongs to the Lord. We give God the first and the best of our income.</p>

"A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD." Leviticus 27:30 (NIV)

Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines. Proverbs 3:9-10 (TLB)

3 Ways to Give:

1. Online at www.theoaksweb.com or download our app (The Oaks Bakersfield)
2. Mail Check/Drop Off Cash to: 10200 Campus Park Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93311
3. In person through the worship service offering or using the offering boxes

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Text us to let us know that you are here today or with any prayer request that you have: 661-241-3408