
KINGDOM
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The Coming of the Kingdom - Luke 17:20–37

The Kingdom has come through Jesus & will be fulfilled at His return

- **Verses 20–21**: Jesus to the Pharisees. They ask when the Kingdom of God will come.
- **Verses 22–37**: Jesus to the Disciples. Jesus explains what His return will look like and how they should live in anticipation of it.

20 Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed,
21 nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

Luke 17:20-21

Recognize the Kingdom that is 'Among' (v. 20-21)

- They are looking for: visible, measurable, & politically powerful… The King Himself is standing in their midst

"And the Word became flesh & dwelt among us, & we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace & truth." – *John 1:14*

"They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands One you do not know, even He Who comes after me, the strap of Whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."

– John 1:25-27

22 And He said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, & you will not see it.

23 And they will say to you, ‘Look, there!’ or ‘Look, here!’ Do not go out or follow them.

24 For as the lightning flashes & lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in His day.

25 But first He must suffer many things & be rejected by this generation.

Luke 17:22-30

Know that the King is Coming Again (v. 22-30)

Jesus shifts attention from the Pharisees to His disciples

- They will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man
- Experience times of suffering, persecution, & uncertainty
- Claims that Christ has returned or He can be found in a particular place… - Do not follow those <u>false</u> claims!
- His return will be like lightning - lights up the entire sky… It will not be hidden, secret, or dependent upon anyone

'Behold, He is coming with the clouds, & every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, & all tribes of the earth will mourn on account of Him. Even so. Amen.'

- Revelation 1:7

26 Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man.

27 They were eating & drinking & marrying & being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, & the flood came & destroyed them all.

Luke 17:22-30

28 Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating & drinking, buying & selling, planting & building,

29 but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire & sulfur rained from heaven & destroyed them all

30 so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

Luke 17:22-30

His Return will be Unexpected (v. 26-30)

Jesus uses Noah & Lot as examples

- People were eating, drinking, marrying, buying, selling, planting, & building - Life was as normal
- Jesus is warning His disciples against spiritual complacency.

Don't build your life around the assumption that you have unlimited time.

Don't be distracted by people claiming to know exactly when or where Jesus will return.

Kingdom Focus: Live with an eternal perspective in an increasingly temporary world

31 On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, & likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back.

32 Remember Lot's wife.

33 Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it.

Luke 17:31-37

34 I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken & the other left.

35 There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken & the other left.”

36 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken & the other left

37 And they said to Him, “Where, Lord?” He said to them, “Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.”

Luke 17:31-37

Live Ready - Your Decision is Eternal (v. 31-37)

Jesus explains how His followers should respond

- Jesus is emphasizing the danger of a divided heart!
  - ex. Lot's wife looked back at what she was leaving
- The issue isn't what we own, but what owns our hearts
- People can share the same home, workplace, family, & environment w/o sharing the same spiritual condition
- When asked where these things will happen… Jesus uses imagery – 'Like circling birds reveal the presence of a carcass, the signs of judgment will be evident'

Kingdom Focus: Don't confuse closeness w/ Christianity

HOW DO I DO THIS?

Before YOU LOOK OUTSIDE ... YOU LOOK INSIDE!

- **Head:** Am I submitted to the King?
- **Heart:** Am I living with eternity in mind?
- **Hands:** What do I need to surrender today?

Submit to the King...

Set your heart on eternity...

Surrender what holds you back...

