

2015 Parables of Jesus

Servants Charged To Remain On Watch

Luke 12:22 - 41

The Text

- Luke 12:22 – 41
- Luke 12:22 – 31 correlates with Matthew 6:25-33

The Intent Of The Text

- To teach the importance of being spiritually disconnected from anything and everyone for the joy of eternally being spiritually connected with Christ in heaven.

Parameter Of The Text

- The parable is a call to the “called out” that nothing in the world is permanent for travelers heading to heaven.
- Being comfortable is good but settling down in this place called “earth” as if we are at the final destination “heaven”, will lead to being distracted.

Problems Prompting The Parable

- This parable is a continuation of the foolish farmer who tore down his barns and built bigger ones.
- The apparent problem leading to the parable lies in how easy earthly success and granting of blessings from heaven can cause multitudes of people to forget that this world is not heaven.
- The parable shows how easy one may begin moving away from enjoying the inheritance, to worrying about the inheritance.

Progression Of The Parable

- Barnes considers this an “instructive parable”. The parable is not a reminder of wealth but the source of material and spiritual blessing.
- The parable is a summary of existence from Genesis the beginning of life to Revelation the entrance into heaven or banishment into hell.
- Life is introduced in Genesis 1, Food in the beginning was provided by God and man didn't worry. Clothing was the result of disobedience. Ravens are seen in the flood as scavengers. Life was kept by God's grace and promise and his promise. King Solomon, just as we are promised to be clothed in splendor. A flock is cared for by it's shepherd and never left to care for self.
- The parable invites Christ's followers to be watchful for his return and not be preoccupied with things of this life.

Specific Research

- The complete life in Palestine focused around farming and herding.
- Almost all other trade guilds were traceable or at least linked to those two primary enterprises.
- Jesus in this sector of teaching reminds the hearers of how God had always provided.
- The need to cease watching for Christ to return should never be neglected due to worrying about material goods.

Three Points

- A. The primary charge for the church is waiting for Christ with patients and without worry.
- B. Historically, God has always provided every need for Adam, Abraham, Moses, Prophets, and now the Church.
- C. The Church can't be diligent in watching for Christ and worrying about provisions of clothes, homes, food and life.

Worrying About The Impossible

- Matthew 6:19
- 1. Moth eat clothing....cheap or expensive
- 2. Rust = borosis which means “an eating away”grain and corn that had been stored away over time would be invaded by mice, rats, worms, etc. that would slowly infect and cause the too long stored items to rot, stink, be destroyed and potentially rotting the barn itself.
- 3. Thieves digging – homes walls were made of dried clay that could be “dug” through by a determined thief. People stored silver, gold, pottery inside their homes.

Lack of Worry Is Linked To Treasures Location

- Matthew 6:20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.
- 1. By doing deeds of kindness toward others
- - loving, compassion, helping, teaching, tenderhearted, merciful.....
- 2. By possessing a godly character
- - the only thing a person leaves earth with is his “character”
Psalms 130:6 My soul *waiteth* for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: *I say, more than* they that watch for the morning.
- 3. By preferring to be with his treasure – Matthew 6:21
- - wherever a man’s treasures lie, is where he wants to dwell- emotionally, physically, spiritually

Profile Of A Worrier

- A. Prejudice – Is the futile attempt to walk in a manner and toward goals that historically are ungodly, immoral and are inhumane
- B. Jealousy – Moves perfectly benign events, thoughts, actions and words into a “guilty” as perceived in the mind of the jealous person has spun the web by blinding self and others to the truth of one’s own heart
- C. Self-Conceit – creates a state within that blinds one from seeing others clearly because doing so would require one acknowledging the foolishness of his or her own attitudes. Self examination and how others are seen is processed through distorted eyes.

Worry And Anxiety Root

- Matthew 6:22 The light of the body is the eye; if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.
- Single = generously, generous (James 1:5, Romans 12:8, 2 Corinthians 9:31) uses the adverb of “single”.
- Jesus moves the word “single” to the eye must be “generous” and then the whole body is filled with illumination.

If Your Worrying Paid Off....

It's Worthless To You

- Matthew 16:26 And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?
- Mark 8:36 And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?
- Luke 9:25 And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed?