# Bible Study 70

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 Luke’s Gospel (continued)

Luke 12 v. 22 Jesus speaks to the disciples begging them ‘not to be afraid.’ When I read these passages, I ask myself the question: is this truly in Jesus day or does it reflect Luke’s church fifty years later?

There is a constant theme here that somehow the disciples need to detach themselves from the worries of this world and realize they belong to God and his kingdom. Something much greater and worth so much more.

V.35. Tells of the servants awaiting the return of their master. Is Jesus talking about the kingdom or is it the second coming of Jesus .

Right here in the middle of Luke’s Gospel is a whole series of discourses, and parables about the Kingdom of God versus the evil of this world.

There is a choice to be made in Jesus’ teaching. Choose wealth, power and success, or choose the life of prayer, humility, grace and love. One is a pathway lined with sin and corruption the other is the way of the cross.

Jesus compares it to the owner of a house, who if he knows the time the thieves will break in would be ready to protect his family. But we do not know the time or place when God will call us to judgment therefore be ready.

The parable about the Master and the servants partying while he is away and getting drunk fits this category. Again there are key sentences that are long remembered:

 “To whom much as been given, much will be expected.” V.48.

V.49. “I have come to bring fire on the earth and I wish that it was kindling already.”

 This passage about not bringing peace but division is a tough passage to understand. Could it be that this reflects more a post resurrection church? Imagine Jewish families divided where three convert to Christianity and two do not, in Luke’s church.

V.54. Talks of ‘reading the signs of the times.’ We do it with the wind and the weather, Jesus says, but fail to interpret God’s word in your midst.

There is a judgment coming. Just as you make up with your enemy before you ever get to court so you should put things right now in your life before you face the final judgment of God.

Read Chapter 12.