

50 - Luke 17:20-37 – Coming like lightning

Luke 1:33 ... God is sending his king.

Luke 4:43 ... proclaim the kingdom of God.

... from Luke 9:51 ... spoken of the kingdom of God around 18 times.

A hostile question?

Luke 17:20 ... a pharisee that asks

Luke 11 ... accuse Jesus of working for the kingdom of Satan.

verse 20 ... “if I drive out demons by the finger of God then the KOG has come upon you”.

Luke 13:28, ... “weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves will be thrown out”

... “in your midst”

... kingdom of God is among them because he as God’s messianic king is among them.

The kingdom of God and Jesus

v 22 “longing to see one of the days of the son of man”.

Daniel 7:13-14 - ‘In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.’

1) A warning v 23

... do not waste your time trying to identify when it will be that Jesus returns.

... it will be as clear as lightning that lights up the whole sky.

2) More to come v25

... he still needs to suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

= “God’s kingdom is in their midst but not yet fully”.

3) The return of Jesus will be sudden and unexpected v 26-35

... people were going about life as per normal

... those who have repented, those who have entered to narrow door and handed their lives over to Jesus will live.

Two possible confusions

Firstly, ... v 36 does not exist in the NIV.

Secondly, v 37.

... a few ways the parable quote can be understood.

For us today

1) Be careful with your own agenda

2) Now but not yet fully

The kingdom he spoke about has been established ... but it is not yet fully revealed.

... we live in the kingdom ... but not yet fully.

... we need to be careful that we do not try and apply today a promise God has made for once the kingdom is fully revealed.

Eg: Revelation 21:4

3) Be ready

... prepare for it knowing it will happen even if we have no idea when it will happen.

4) The cost of the Kingdom

verse 33, whoever tries to keep their life will lose it and whoever loses their life will preserve it”.

(use 2W2L final picture)

Choice # 1 = we can live life our own way... we will not be in the kingdom of God

Choice # 2 = have Jesus as king of our lives... enjoy eternity with our king in heaven