

The Life and Mission of Jesus Christ on Earth

Lesson Thirty-five -- Luke 17:11-37; 18:1-14

Summary of Lesson

At the end of our previous lesson Jesus was in Ephraim (near a wilderness area) where He had come following His departure from Bethany after having raised Lazarus from the dead. Jesus and His disciples left Ephraim after awhile, and began a rather circuitous journey to Jerusalem that took them first northward to the border area between Samaria and Galilee and later eastward into Perea again before one more turning southward toward Jerusalem. While in the border area between Samaria and Galilee, Jesus healed ten lepers and taught the parables of the Importunate Widow and the Prayers of the Pharisee and the Publican.

Luke 17:11-37

11 And it came to pass, as they were on the way to Jerusalem, that he was passing along the borders of Samaria and Galilee. 12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, who stood afar off: 13 and they lifted up their voices, saying, Jesus, Master, Have mercy on us. 14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go and show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, as they went, they were cleansed. 15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, with a loud voice glorifying God; 16 and he fell upon his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. 17 And Jesus answering said, Were not the ten cleansed? but where are the nine? 18 Were there none found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger? 19 And he said unto him, Arise, and go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole. 20 And being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God cometh, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21 neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, there! for lo, the kingdom of God is within you. 22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when Ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and Ye shall not see it. 23 And they shall say to you, Lo, there! Lo, here! go not away, nor follow after (them): 24 For as the lightning, when it lighteneth out of the one part under the heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall the Son of man be in his day. 25 But first must he suffer many things and be rejected of this generation. 26 And as it came to pass in the days of Noah, even so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. 27 They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in

marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise even as it came to pass in the days of Lot; they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; 29 but in the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all: 30 after the same manner shall it be in the day that the Son of man is revealed. 31 In that day, he that shall be on the housetop, and his goods in the house, let him not go down to take them away: and let him that is in the field likewise not return back. 32 Remember Lot's wife. 33 whosoever shall seek to gain his life shall lose it: but whosoever shall lose (his life) shall preserve it. 34 I say unto you, in that night there shall be two men on one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. 35 There shall be two women grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. 36 (There shall be two men in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.) 37 And they answering say unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Where the body (is), thither will the eagles also be gathered together.

Luke 18:1-14

1 And he spake a parable unto them to the end that they ought always to pray, and not to faint; 2 saying, There was in a city a judge, who feared not God, and regarded not man: 3 and there was a widow in that city; and she came oft unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. 4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;

5 yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge

her, lest she wear me out by her continual coming. 6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unrighteous judge saith. 7 And shall not God avenge his elect, that cry to him day and night, and (yet) he is longsuffering over them? 8 I say unto you, that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? 9 And he spake also this parable unto certain who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and set all others at nought: 10 two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. 11 The Pharisee

stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. 12 I fast twice in the week; I give tithes of all that I get. 13 But the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote his breast, saying, God, be thou merciful to me a sinner. 14 I say unto you, This man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled; but he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Questions on Lesson Thirty Five

1. What was the nationality of the one grateful leper?
2. What is the spiritual application of the parable of the persistent widow?
3. What is the meaning of what Jesus told His disciples in Luke 17:22-23?
4. Where were Jesus and His disciples before they came into the midst of Samaria and Galilee?
5. Everyone that exalts himself shall be humbled; but he that humbles himself shall be exalted.
6. What event do you think Jesus is referring to in Luke 17:30-37?
7. What did Jesus mean in saying “the kingdom of God is within You”?
8. Of what two practices did the praying Pharisee boast?
9. Whom did Jesus tell His disciples to remember?
10. In Luke 17:20-21, what does Jesus tell us about the nature of the Kingdom of Today?
11. Why did the judge finally decide to grant the widow’s request?
12. Why did Jesus tell the ten lepers to go and show themselves to the priest? (see Matt. 8:4; Lev. 14:1-32)
13. What is meant by the statement, “Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered”?
14. Jesus compared the people of His day to those of what other two men?
15. Upon being healed, what did one of the lepers do?
16. To what sin did Jesus have reference in relating the parable of the prayers of the Pharisee and the publican?