

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. To what extent does God expect us to obey the part of His Word^[SoF:1] in verses 27-35?
2. Can we also discern a person's heart by what his mouth speaks (vs. 43-45)? (Matthew 15:11, 18, 19)
3. In what way does Jesus show His authority to teach?
4. How do you build a strong Christian foundation?

SUMMARY:

Some of these things that Jesus taught may seem difficult to obey. One might wonder if we are to really take these teachings seriously. But after Jesus had spoken these words, He asks the question: "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (vs. 46) We must remember that these things were not written for the world to obey, but for His followers, who call Him Lord. As His followers, we are different. Our lives must be different, not just for the sake of being different, but because Christ, our Lord and Savior, controls our lives and is our life.

NOTES:

^[SoF:1] We believe that the Bible is inspired by God, and is the complete, infallible Word of God.

^[SoF:16] We believe that the gift of eternal life is a present possession of every true disciple of Jesus Christ, and that nothing nor anyone can take it from him. However, it is a realistic possibility for a true believer, of his own free will, to no longer "continue in the faith" but instead to apostatize, "depart from the faith", return to sin, and consequently forfeit the eternal life he once possessed.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #9

November 26, 2017

Fourth Quarter

OBEYING THE WORD OF GOD

LESSON TEXT: Luke 6:20-49

LESSON SETTING: At the foot of the mountain where Christ prayed all night.

TIME: Approximately 30 A.D.

- I. THE BLESSINGS OF OBEDIENCE.** Luke 6:20-26
 - A. Poor to Receive Kingdom of God (vs. 20) Psalm 72:12; Luke 16:22
 - B. The Hungry to be Filled (vs. 21) John 15:11; Colossians 1:9
 - C. Laughter for Those Who Weep (vs. 21) Isaiah 61:3; Revelation 21:3
 - D. Reward in Heaven^[SoF:16] for the Persecuted (vs. 23) 2 Timothy 2:12; Revelation 20:4
- II. THE NEED FOR RIGHT ATTITUDES.** Luke 6:27-38
 - A. Those Kind to the Unthankful Shall be Children of God (vs. 35)
 - B. To Receive Mercy (vs. 36) Proverbs 11:17; Matthew 5:7
 - C. To Escape Condemnation (vs. 37) John 5:24; Romans 8:1
- III. THE DANGERS OF HYPOCRISY.** Luke 6:39-45
 - A. Self-Righteousness (vs. 41) Proverbs 30:12
 - B. Evil Works (vs. 43-44) John 7:7
 - C. Evil Heart (vs. 45) Matthew 23:25; Mark 7:21
- IV. THE WISDOM OF OBEDIENCE.** Luke 6:46-49
 - A. Good Foundation of Obedient (vs. 48) 1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 Peter 2:6
 - B. Spiritual Loss of Disobedient (vs. 49) Jeremiah 5:25

GOLDEN TEXT: AND AFTER THESE THINGS HE WENT FORTH, AND SAW A PUBLICAN, NAMED LEVI, SITTING AT THE RECEIPT OF CUSTOM AND HE SAID UNTO HIM, FOLLOW ME. Luke 5:27

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Luke 7:11-17

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: 1 Kings 17:8-24; Job 19:21-27;
1 Corinthians 15:50-54

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ the Son of Man

TOPIC: RAISING THE WIDOW'S SON

INTRODUCTION:

The raising of the widow's son is an example of the power of God dealing with death. When Jesus was confronted with this situation, He saw the sorrow of the widow and the need that was in her heart and the hearts of all those present. The witnesses of this miracle undoubtedly realized that if Christ could meet this need of the widow, that He could meet their needs also.

There is in Jesus Christ an abundant supply for man's spiritual and physical needs. The power of Jesus to raise the dead should encourage us to trust Him for our needs. The miracles that Jesus performed prove that He is the Son of God.

Jesus Christ established the fact that He is able to provide our greatest need by Himself arising from the dead. We can now be certain that when we die, we, as the widow's son, will live again. Our needs can only be met through the power of God. It is extremely important therefore that, while we live, our lives are centered in God's will.

CENTRAL TRUTH: The power of Jesus to raise the dead should encourage us to trust Him for our needs.

GOLDEN TEXT: BUT THANKS BE TO GOD, WHICH GIVETH US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

1 Corinthians 15:57

Death to most people who are not Christians is a dreadful thing. Even so, most nonbelievers don't seem to fully realize what a sad experience it will be to spend eternity apart from God. There are millions of others around the world steeped in false religions and misconceptions who believe death will bring some mysterious change to their existence. Many others are hoping against hope that the Bible is not true. Yet, to all these people, death will be a terrible defeat.

Those of us who are Christians should be thankful indeed that we can have victory through death. Let us always remember that Jesus Christ won this victory and give God the glory as the people did who witnessed the raising of the widow's son. (Luke 7:16) Our belief in immortality and the resurrection is basic to our Christian faith.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Nov. 27 – Dec. 3

- M. Job Sees Beyond Death. Job 19:21-27
- T. Elijah Raises the Widow's Son. 1 Kings 17:18-24
- W. Jesus Gives His Disciples Power. Matthew 10:1-15
- T. Jesus' Miracles Encourage John. Matthew 11:1-6
- F. Healing the Centurion's Servant. Luke 7:1-10
- S. *Jesus Raises the Widow's Son. Luke 7:11-17
- S. Jesus Gives Victory over Death. 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

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