

Handout: Luke Lesson 8

Luke's travel narrative of Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem is in three parts:

1. Luke 9:51 - 13:21 ~ *When the days for his being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem (Lk 9:51).*
2. Luke 13:22 - 17:10 ~ *He passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem (Lk 13:22).*
3. Luke 17:11 - 19:28 ~ *As he continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee (Lk 17:11).*

The 3 would-be disciples and Jesus' responses in Lk 9:57-62:

1. Promised to follow Jesus wherever He goes/ Jesus says He has no home
2. Asked for time to bury his father/ Let the dead bury the dead
3. Asked for time to tell his family good-bye/ Cannot look back on past life

The three sacrifices Jesus calls each would-be disciple to make in Lk 9:57-62:

1. The sacrifice of personal security and comfort.
2. The sacrifice of family duties and obligations.
3. The sacrifice to separate oneself from one's past life.

The episodes in chapter 10 present a series of contrasts:

- Lambs and wolves (10:3)
- Those who see and hear and those who do not see and hear (10:16, 21-24)
- The childlike and the wise (10:21)
- Samaritan and Jew (10:29-37)
- Worldly service contrasted with spiritual service (10:38-42)

The foundation upon which Jesus' 70/72 disciples are to be sent out:

1. They are sent to announce His coming and the coming of the Kingdom (10:1, 9).
2. They have a share in Jesus' power and authority (10:9)
3. They are empowered to speak in His name and in the name of the One who sent Jesus, God the Father (10:16).

The three ways Jesus defined His relationship to the disciples in 10:16-24:

1. They are His chosen emissaries (verse 16).
2. Because of their faith and their service, their names are inscribed in the Book of Life in heaven (verse 20).
3. They are blessed with a revelation of Him and His heavenly Father which elevates them above previous O.T. prophets and kings as "children" of God (verses 21-24).

The children of Israel were called the "sons/children of God," but only in a collective sense. Now each individual disciple of Jesus Christ who is reborn through water and the Holy Spirit into the family of God becomes a child of the Almighty (Jn 3:3, 5).

The first commandment is to love God with all one's heart, being, strength and mind (Lk 10:27).

One must give God one's undivided love and loyalty which encompasses one's entire being:

- one's heart (the true essence of a person and the seat of moral integrity)
- one's entire spiritual and physical being
- one's entire intellectual faculties.