



"Jesus Warns of Not Discerning the Times!"

Luke 12:54-59

Luke 12 has been a WARNING against being a Hypocrite!

1. Predicting the weather!

- **Luke 12:54-55**
- Jesus uses something so simple here to illustrate His point on SEEING what's coming!
- **Verse 54** – "When you SEE clouds beginning to form in the west..."
- As primitive as their method of predicting the weather was in the days of Jesus, they could easily SEE that a storm was coming! *The clouds and the wind were SIGNS!*
- But, their spiritual discernment of who Jesus was and what Jesus was doing was horrible!
- They literally SAW the Miracles, SAW the Wonders and SAW the Deliverances right in front of their eyes and *still refused to believe!*
- They could not discern spiritual matters! **Why? Their unbelief!** The Holy Spirit would not show them anything or help them because of their hard hearts! Their choice!
- **FACT** – they had the long-term promises and the long-term prophecies that Jesus would come, and *they ignored the SIGNS right in front of their eyes!*
- **They refused to acknowledge Him!** **Matthew 10:32-33** / **Luke 9:26** (Pretty clear!!!!)
- **This is twofold:** **1.** Jesus will not represent you before His Father in Heaven...even when you pray to Him! **2.** Jesus will not acknowledge you before His Father in Heaven when it's time for you to go to Heaven! (A hypocrite has no favor with Jesus!)
- **WHY** would Jesus give you His favor when you openly reject Him?
- They could discern the storms of the sky yet not discern the Signs of the Times!
- **Luke 12:56** – "You fools!" / **Psalm 14:1** (Again...pretty clear!!!!)

2. Don't ignore the present signs!

- **Luke 12:56** – "...but you don't know how to interpret the PRESENT times."
- Jesus is telling these hypocrites that JUDGMENT is coming and that SALVATION is right in front of them!
- All of the prophecies of Jesus arriving and doing the incredible things is right in front of them!

- You have the chance to be forgiven, receive the gift of Salvation right now!
- Luke 12:57
- **The answer?** 2 Peter 3:3-4 / If people do this with the 2nd coming of Jesus...they did it with His 1st!!!!
- 2 Timothy 3:1-5 – concerning living for Jesus!
- Luke 20 – they wanted Jesus arrested! John 5 – they wanted Jesus murdered! John 8 and 10 – they tried to stone him!
- **Why?** They were Jealous! They got exposed for their ungodly ways and living! They lived in fear of losing their positions and titles!
- It came down to their own desires to reject the Son of God! They loved only themselves!
- People's selfish desires in these last days will lead them astray! It will cause them to miss that Jesus is offering Salvation right now!

3. You've been warned!

- Luke 12:57-59
- Jesus gives them such an easy and plain picture with settling things NOW...before standing before the JUDGE accused!
- **Prison** = Hell / Lake of Fire forever! Total separation from Jesus for eternity!
- Revelation 20:15! That is crystal clear! Verse 14 says that "**Hell**" will be thrown into the Lake of Fire.
- Hell is a very real place RIGHT NOW! Luke 16 says that the rich man when he died was "in Hell." "He saw paradise yet could not get to it", "He knew who Lazarus was, Abraham was and he remembered his 5 brothers" and "He was in a place of torment and begged for someone to go tell his 5 brothers about Jesus! WHY? So, that they would not come to this place of torment!" Hell is very real friends!
- 2 Thessalonians 1:9 – "SHUT OUT from the PRESENCE of God..."
- Genesis 7:16 – "Then the Lord SHUT THE DOOR behind them."
- Matthew 25:10 -13 – "But while they were gone to buy oil...the DOOR WAS LOCKED!" / "they stood OUTSIDE... 'Lord, Lord! OPEN THE DOOR FOR US!" / But, He called back 'Believe Me, I don't know you!" / "So you. Too. Must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of My return."

Closing: Don't IGNORE the SIGNS right in front of you!

- We have the written Word of God and everything we need to know to find and receive Salvation! Hebrews 1:1-2!
- TODAY is the day of SALVATION! 2 Corinthians 6:2
- Don't ignore such a GREAT SALVATION! Hebrews 2:3-4
- It is THE GIFT from God! Ephesians 2:8-9
- He saves us because of his MERCY! Titus 3:5
- He wants us to be with Him FOREVER! John 14:1-3
- Jesus is the ONLY road to Heaven with God! John 14:6
- Luke 12:59 – Jesus has paid the FULL PRICE for you in Colossians 1:13-14! ****If you ignore and reject Him as Lord and Savior...you will pay the full price yourself.****