

God's Power to Save

Lesson VII – Luke 12:49–14:35

Review:

- Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38–42)
- The Believers' Life of Prayer (Luke 11:1–13)
- Unbelievers Ruled by Satan (Luke 11:14–36)
- God's Judgment upon Unbelievers (Luke 11:37–54)
- Warning against Hypocrisy and Disloyalty (Luke 12:1–12)
- Warning against Covetousness (Luke 12:13–21)
- Warning against the Cares of Life (Luke 12:22–31)
- Comfort for the "Little Flock" (Luke 12:32–48)



Theme Verse:

And the master said to the servant, "Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled." **Luke 14:23**

Bible Study:

Opposition to the Gospel

Read Luke 12:49–59

1. Knowing how the very thought of His Passion filled the soul of Jesus with dread, how should we feel toward sin (see Isaiah 53:5; Hebrews 6:6)?
2. Compare verses 58–59 with Matthew 5:23–26; 6:14–15. Why should we seek to become reconciled with a brother without delay?

The Call to Repentance

Read Luke 13:1–9

1. Mention ways in which God is warning the world and calling people to repentance. What can Christians do after calamities such as tornadoes, hurricanes, and tsunamis?
2. What does the parable of the fig tree teach us about Jesus (Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1–2)? How are we to apply this parable?

The Gospel Brings Deliverance

Read Luke 13:10–21

1. How did the woman prove that she was a true spiritual descendant of Abraham (see Romans 4:16)? What do people lose by neglecting Word and Sacrament?
2. In what respect is the ruler of the synagogue a warning to all Christians?

The Door to Eternal Life

Read Luke 13:22–30

1. How are people deceiving themselves by thinking that they can get to heaven without repentance and faith (Mark 16:16)?
2. How does Matthew 25:1–13 explain why some churchgoers will not gain admission to heaven? How does Luke 13:28–30 apply to them?

Jesus Grieves over Unbelievers

Read Luke 13:31–35

1. How did the Jews try to silence an Old Testament prophet (Amos 7:10–13)? What did the apostles say when they were forbidden to preach (Acts 5:28–29)?
2. What does the picture of the hen illustrate in regard to Jesus? Why is this very comforting to us (see Ezekiel 33:11; 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9)?

A Lesson on Humility and Charity

Read Luke 14:1–14

1. When is taking the lowest seat not a sign of humility? What example of true humility does Paul give us in Philippians 2:5–11?
2. Explain the meaning of verses 13–14. Show how a believer acts in accordance with this admonition.

Parable of the Great Supper

Read Luke 14:15–24

1. How does the parable prove that we cannot earn salvation by our own deeds? Show that the Gospel makes no distinction among people.
2. What encouragement does Christ give us in the parable of the great supper to take an active part in evangelism and mission work (see 1 Corinthians 15:58)?

Continuance in God's House

Read Luke 14:25–35

1. How do churchgoers imitate the example of the foolish builder and the unwise king? What does it mean that we should “count the cost”?
2. When does a Christian act like good salt? How does one become saltless?

Closing:

Some activities this week to grow your faith:

- Find ways to get services and bible studies to people outside our congregation;
- Support the Church's care for disaster victims through prayer, financial gifts, and volunteering;
- Read **Luke 15:1–16:31** to prepare for the next lesson.

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