Comfort and Warning

Lesson VI - Luke 10:38-12:48

Review:

The Mission of the Twelve (Luke 9:1–9)

The Feeding of the Five Thousand (Luke 9:10–17)

The Transfiguration (Luke 9:18–36)

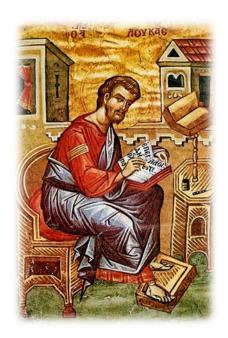
Humility and Greatness (Luke 9:37–50)

The Right Attitude of Disciples (Luke 9:51–62)

The Seventy Missionaries (Luke 10:1–16)

The Missionaries' Report (Luke 10:17–24)

The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37)



Theme Verse:

And He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come.'" **Luke 11:2**

Bible Study:

Mary and Martha Read Luke 10:38-42

- 1. How can we have Jesus as a permanent guest in our homes? What can our home life be like when we always think of Jesus as present?
- 2. Why should every Christian family daily take time for family devotions? How should family members imitate Mary's example when there is opportunity to hear God's Word? (see Deuteronomy 4:9; 6:7; Ephesians 6:4).

The Believers' Life of Prayer Read Luke 11:1–13

- 1. Compare Luke 11:2–4 with Matthew 6:9–13. Note the differences in the wording of the two accounts of the Lord's Prayer.
- 2. How does Jesus assure us (vv. 11–12) that God gives us only good gifts?

Unbelievers Ruled by Satan Read Luke 11:14–36

- 1. Why is a person either in Christ's kingdom or in Satan's kingdom?
- 2. What effect did Jonah's preaching have on the Ninevites (Jonah 3:5–10)? Why is the example of the Jews a warning to indifferent Christians?

God's Judgment upon Unbelievers Read Luke 11:37–54

- 1. Show how the Pharisees hypocritically performed certain outward acts (vv. 39–44). Is their form of piety imitated today? Explain.
- 2. For which sins did Jesus rebuke the lawyers (vv. 45-52)?

Warning against Hypocrisy and Disloyalty Read Luke 12:1–12

- 1. Why did Jesus often denounce the Pharisees? Why should we especially guard against hypocrisy (see Acts 5:1–11)?
- 2. Why should Christians continue their mealtime prayers even at public places such as restaurants? Why should they continue family devotions and attend church when they have guests in their homes?

Warning against Covetousness Read Luke 12:13–21

- 1. Why did Jesus refuse to settle the matter of inheritance (v. 14)? What lesson did Jesus thereby wish to teach (see 20:25)?
- 2. Why did God call the rich man a fool? How would a believer have acted after receiving great blessings from God?

Warning against the Cares of Life Read Luke 12:22–31

- 1. Explain why worry is sinful. Which petition of the Lord's Prayer will help keep us from worrying? What comforting promise does Jesus give to all who seek God's kingdom (Luke 12:31; Matthew 6:33)?
- 2. While it is wrong to worry, is it wrong to work, to save, and to provide for the future (see Genesis 2:15; 1 Thessalonians 4:11; 2 Thessalonians 3:10)?

Comfort for the "Little Flock" Read Luke 12:32–48

- 1. What does Jesus say about His flock in John 10:11–18, 27–29? Why should this assurance comfort us in the trials of life?
- 2. In what sense are all Christians stewards of Christ? What responsibilities do we have as stewards?

Closing

Some activities this week to grow your faith:

- If you do not do so already, begin a regular time of daily Bible reading and prayer for you and your family;
- To combat covetousness, in your daily prayers give thanks for salvation, health, family, friends, shelter, food, clothing, and for all of God's good and gracious gifts;
- Read Luke 12:49–14:35 to prepare for the next lesson.

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