

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



*glimpses
of glory*

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Aligning with Jesus' Mission: Loving People and Living Humbly Luke 14:1-11

REVIEW LAST WEEK (Luke 13:22-35): Allegiance to King Jesus Now! (The Door Is Open)

1. We must strive for loyalty to Jesus.
2. The Door is Open. Who has entered?
3. Jesus is set on his mission. Are we?

Jesus' mission perfectly aligns with the Father's commandments: To Love People (vv. 1-6)

Remember... Jesus has already made it clear that the Pharisees have "missed the point" of the Law & the Sabbath:

- Luke 4:48-41: Right after Nazareth, Simon's mother & many others were healed
- Luke 6:1-5: Jesus says, "The son of man is Lord of the Sabbath"
- Luke 6:6-11: Healing of the man with the withered hand
- Luke 11:42-44: Woe to the Pharisees!
- Luke 13:10-17: The woman with the disabling spirit

1. Jesus seeks to honor God's commandments, not people's expectations. (vv. 1-4)

***Luke 14:1** One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. **2** And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. **3** And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" **4** But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away.*

2. Jesus points towards how the Pharisees have missed the point of the law: To love People. (vv. 5-6)

***Luke 14:5** And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" **6** And they could not reply to these things.*

The Wedding Feast Parable: Exaltation Through Humility (vv. 7-13)

1. He who honors himself will be shamed. (vv. 7-9)

***Luke 14:7** Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, **8** "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, **9** and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place.*

2. He who humbles himself will be exalted. (vv. 10-11)

Luke 14:10 *But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. 11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."*

3. Christ's Example of Humility...

Phil 2:3 *Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Reflection/Discussion

1. The Pharisees showed a pattern of placing more importance on selfish motives than on the heart of the father (vv. 1-6). Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal ways that you may have misplaced importance in your own heart.
2. Jesus urged those listening to adopt a life of humility rather than self-importance (vv. 7-11). Write down a list of things that make you feel "important" (job, car, title, net worth, etc.) Pray through this list and ask God to give you a Christ-like perspective regarding these things.
3. Jesus humbled himself to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:8). Consider what trials and hardships you are going through this week. Is God asking you to humble yourself in order to produce light in your life?

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