

## FINAL STUDY NOTES - *LUKE Chapter 17* 4/28-29/2025

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### OPENING PRAYER

**LUKE – Chapter 17 - Jesus Warns of Offenses, Instructs His Disciples on Forgiveness - (vs. 1-4); Instructs His Disciples on Faithful Service – (vs. 5-10); Ten Lepers Cleansed, One Samaritan Gives Thanks – (vs. 11-19); The Coming of the Kingdom of God – (vs. 20-37).**

- We find Jesus sometimes addressing the Pharisees and other times the disciples and as we catch up with them here in chapter seventeen, He is speaking to them about four different issues that seem to be rather unconnected and yet there is a unity in the whole message.

### Jesus Warns of Offenses, Instructs His Disciples on Forgiveness

**Luk 17:1 Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses (stumbling blocks) should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!"**

- **You cannot escape offenses. It is impossible.** Paul said, If I please all men, if I seek to please all men, then I will not be a servant of Christ. You can say some things that will make a part of the group extremely happy but you will have the other part of the group ready to take up stones and to stone you. They will be offended because of what you said. It is impossible to escape offences.

- What Jesus is talking about here is those who would say offensive things against Him. Those who would offend those who were seeking to come into the kingdom of God. Living in this world, it is impossible to escape those kinds of offenses. There are stumbling blocks all over the place that would seek to hinder a person living a godly, righteous life.

***Luk 17:2 It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend (cause stumbling) one of these little ones.***

- In chapter sixteen, Jesus was talking and telling them the story of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man who ended in Hades, in torment. Jesus is saying concerning those people that would offend those who are seeking to come into the faith that they would have been better off to have a millstone hung around their neck and someone tossed them in the sea of Galilee, than that they should offend someone who was coming into the faith.
- This can be carried a little bit further. The little ones is a reference to children, not necessarily here but can be. We should have extreme difficulty with those that would seek to challenge a child's faith in God and their faith in Jesus. Those who would cast doubts in that mind of a child who has such beautiful, simple faith in the Lord. It would be better that a millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea.
- I think of that almost effeminate character that some people try to make of Jesus, going around, always in such kind and pious wimpy way. He is no wimp! He said that it is better that they put a millstone around his neck, toss him in the sea than to offend one of these little ones!

***Luk 17:3 Take heed (watch out) to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.***

- Two things. If he trespasses, rebuke him. If he repents (notice importance of repenting!), then forgive him!

***Luk 17:4 And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him.***

- (Mat 18:21-22) Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" [22] Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.
- 490 years of Israel's failing to give the land one year in seven Sabbatical rest, resulted in a seventy-year Babylonian captivity. (2Ch 36:21) to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years. (490 times)
- (Dan 9:24) "Seventy weeks (490 years) are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.
- The Rabbis used to say if you can forgive a man three times, you are a perfect man. Jesus goes double the Rabbis plus one, seven times. Notice the condition for forgiveness is repentance, the declaration of repentance. I would assume that if a person is doing it seven times and saying, I repent, there is reason to challenge it being true repentance. But nonetheless, the obligation is on me. I am obligated. I am commanded to forgive the one who says I repent.
- **How many times a day, if a person sins against me, would I be willing to rebuke him, and if he repents, would I forgive him? More than one time? Three times? Seven times? A total of 490 times?**

## **Increase Our Faith**

***Luk 17:5 And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."***

- They realized that the demand that He was making is more than what they could fulfill. Many times, as we look at the commands of Jesus, knowing ourselves, we realize that what He is requiring is more than what I can fulfill. They recognized that. They recognized that this was beyond their capacity and thus they are seeking the help of the Lord. They are asking for the help of the Lord to fulfill the requirements.
- Jesus often gave commandments that were impossible on the surface, but when a person by faith sought to obey that commandment, they always discovered that all that they needed to obey was imparted to them.

- **I think of the man who was at the pool of Bethesda waiting for the waters to be troubled.** He was lying there day after day, week after week, year after year. Waiting for the waters to be troubled and then struggling to be the first one in, but someone always beat him.
- **Jesus came to this fellow, and said, Would you like to be healed?** Rather than answering the question, he told Jesus his problem. You see, I am lame and I do not have any friends here with me and when the waters are troubled as I am trying to get into them, someone always beats me. That is not what Jesus asked. What is your problem, man? He did not say that. He said, Would you like to be healed? We often trying to answer questions that were not asked, being so anxious to tell our problems to people. But Jesus said, Would you like to be healed? The man gave the reasons why he could not be healed. Then Jesus said to him, Rise, take up your cot and go home.
- **When Jesus is saying something, that to you seems impossible, I cannot do that.** We are so prone to just say, I cannot. I cannot forgive like that. And you are right. In yourself you cannot but if you will to obey, He will give to you the capacity!

***Luk 17:6 So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.***

- **Jesus is saying is that it is not the quantity of faith so much that we need,** it is the quality of faith. And the faith, what do you have in a seed? You have something that is alive. Thus, a living faith. So, the faith as a grain of mustard seed. In other words, it is not, I want a great amount of faith. It just takes a little faith but it is the quality of faith, that faith that is alive! **Faith with potential!**

**Unprofitable Servants - We have done what was our duty to do.**

***Luk 17:7-10 And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'? [8] But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'? [9] Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. [10] So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.'***

- **This is interesting in the light of what Jesus said in (Luk 12:35-36)** "Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; [36] and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. This business of being ready. Be watching, be ready, be ready to serve. All set, not being lax or lackadaisical. And He said, (Luk 12:37) Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. How opposite Jesus is from the earthly masters!
- **Jesus said when He comes, He will gird Himself and serve us!** What a Lord, what a Master! Jesus also said, "When you have done all that has been commanded you, do not go looking for pats on the back, do not go seeking special recognition. Just say, I am an unprofitable servant: I have done that which was commanded of me."
- **It is interesting how that when we do something that is gracious or something that is magnanimous** and sort of beyond, oh how we want recognition for it! Call the newspapers. Get the photographers out here. I want them to see what I am about to do. Jesus said, You have only done what you have been commanded. Do not look for special recognition. Just say, I am an unprofitable servant. I have done what was my duty to do.
- **As a servant of Jesus Christ, there are certain things that are my duty.** This is in context now with forgiving. When a person says, I am sorry, I repent; forgive. Do not go around thinking, I am so wonderful, I forgave him. That is your duty. That is your command. Keeping God's Law is a duty.
- **Do you think you would receive salvation for that?** My friend, that's what you are supposed to do as one of His creatures. We need to recognize that salvation is a *gift*; you cannot work for it.

**Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers - Your faith has made you well**

***Luk 17:11 Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst (borders) of Samaria and Galilee.***

- **Remember Jesus is on the road to Jerusalem** for the final visit,

***Luk 17:12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off (total isolation).***

- **If a person had leprosy, he was required to keep his distance from people and if anybody should approach him, he was to cry out, Unclean, unclean,** warning them not to come near. If the wind was behind him, blowing toward you, when you came within a hundred and fifty feet of him, he was required to start yelling, "Unclean, unclean." Even the wind passing over towards him wanted to give distance because leprosy was a real mystery to them. It was a fatal disease, it was incurable. And there was a mystery as far as its transmission.
- **Even to the present day, there is a mystery as to the transmission of leprosy.** In the experimentation, they have of course isolated the bacillus and Dr. Hansen did that. In their research, they would inject the live leprosy bacillus into healthy people and they never developed the leprosy. There is that mystery how it is transmitted. It was incurable and once a person was discovered with leprosy, he was isolated from the community. That is why leprosy became a type of sin.
- **The mystery of the origin of sin in a person's life. The fact that it is incurable and deadly apart from divine intervention.** God made provisions for divine intervention even for the leper. For in (*Lev 14:2*) "*This shall be the law of the leper for the day of his cleansing: He shall be brought to the priest. The means by which the leper could come to the priest with certain sacrifices and ritual bathing, the shaving of his body, and the pronouncing of him to be clean as the priest have inspected him, seeing that there is no further leprosy, that there is no further rotting of the skin, that this is being cleansed.*"

***Luk 17:13 And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"***

- **There were ten lepers, they were standing afar off as required by the law.** They called to Jesus, raising their voices so that Jesus could hear them and they were calling,
- **Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. The fame of Jesus no doubt had spread** throughout the whole region. He is now at the end of His earthly ministry. He is on His way to Jerusalem to be crucified. For over three years, He has been travelling the countryside healing all manner of sicknesses, cleansing the lepers, even raising the dead. These people, and of course, word travels fast in that world of hopelessness.
- **Any light, any ray of hope is grasped by people who are in desperate conditions.** These leprous men in their desperate condition, no doubt hearing of Jesus, wondering about the stories that were being told, dreamed of the day that they might possibly see Jesus and maybe even be cleansed of their leprosy. While Jesus was afar off, they cried, lifted up their voice. "*Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.*"
- **This reminds us of Bartimaeus there in Jericho, the blind man** who when Jesus was passing by cried out, (*Mar 10:47-48a*) *And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" [48] Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more,* The crowd around him said, Shut up. You are disturbing everybody. But he only cried more insistently, more loudly, Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me. Jesus stood still and He called the blind man to Him.
- **I cannot think of a single case where when a person called for Jesus to have mercy, when He did not show mercy.** To those that will call for mercy, He will respond, He will answer that call!
- **Tonight, maybe you are in need of help. Maybe you are in desperate straits.** Be encouraged, just call on Jesus! Ask Him to be merciful. To have mercy upon you. He has never rejected a person who called upon Him for mercy!

***Luk 17:14 So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed (reflected the cleansing, only by the Messiah).***

- **The first step for the leper to be restored to the community.** He had to first come to the priest and be examined by the priest to see that the leprosy was gone. If it was determined the leprosy was gone, then they would go through these ritual sacrifices, bathings, shaving of the hair and so forth. Then the priest would pronounce him cleansed and he could move back into his home with his family. The first step was to show themselves to the priest.
- **Many of the healings in the New Testament were instantaneous.** But here is a case where the healing seemed to be progressive. In other words, they were not instantly cleansed but as they went, they were cleansed. To me that means, do not be discouraged if you are not instantly healed. Continue to trust the Lord. Continue to obey His commands. With their case, as they went they were cleansed. Suddenly they realized that they were cleansed!

***Luk 17:15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God,***

**Luk 17:16** and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

**Luk 17:17** So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?"

- No one has returned to give thanks except this one Samaritan man.
- **How likely is it that if I had been one of the ten lepers cleansed, that I would have been the one that returned to give glory to God? Do I understand that his cleansing me of my sin forever, is a much greater miracle gift than cleansing a leper? How thankful am I?**

**Luk 17:18** Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?"

- Give glory to God except this foreigner because he was a Samaritan. He was not of the tribes of Israel. He was a Samaritan and they were considered as strangers to the covenants of God. But he was the only one who came back to give thanks.

**Luk 17:19** And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well (sozo – whole, safe, to save)."

- **You are not just healed. The others were healed, it says they were healed. This man was made well, made whole!** The difference between the physical and the spiritual. Many people have been healed; not all are made whole. Not all are made whole who are healed. If a person is just healed, he is only getting a part of the work of God and the blessing of God in his life. Really the physical healing is the minor part because the physical is temporal. It is going to pass anyhow. What is important is the spiritual healing! To be made whole is a reference to the spiritual aspect of a man's nature! You have been made whole! You have been healed spiritually.
- **It was through the thanksgiving, through the glorifying of God, through the thanking of the Lord** for his healing that he received more than just the healing, he received the forgiveness of his sins! He was made a part of the family of God. He was made whole!

### The Coming of the Kingdom of God – When and Where?

**Luk 17:20** Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God (the kingdom of the Messiah) would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation;

- Again, we have this conflict still going on with the Pharisees. They were looking for the earthly kingdom; for the Messiah to come and to lead them in a rebellion against the Roman rule and to lead them in the conquering of the world. Because they knew that the prophecies concerning the Messiah was that He was to rule over the world.
- **The psalmist said, (Psa 2:8) Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.** That was the promise of God to the Messiah. Thus, they were looking for the Messiah to lead them in the conquest of the world and to establish the rule over the world. (Luk 2:7) *And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.*
- **The Pharisees were demanding of Jesus, "When is this kingdom going to come?** It was to be a spiritual kingdom. Jesus responded to their demand saying, **"The kingdom of God does not come with observation."** That word observation, a seldom used noun, *meta paratereseos* – **visible evidence, outward show!** It is always translated watch, being always used in a sense of hostile examination.
- **Jesus said to these Pharisees, "The kingdom doesn't come with observation."** It has a spiritual influence: *The kingdom of God is within you.* It is not of this world. The kingdom of God will not change men's outward condition, but their hearts and lives. The kingdom of God is *among you*; You enquire when it will come, and are not aware that it is already begun to be set up *in the midst of you.* The gospel is preached, it is *confirmed* by miracles, it is *embraced* by multitudes, so that it is *in your nation*, though not in your hearts."

**Luk 17:21** nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within (entos -among you, in the midst of the group) you."

- **Why? Because the King was standing right there. The kingdom of God has come to everyone who has submitted their life to Jesus Christ as King.** If tonight you have surrendered your life to Jesus Christ, you are in the kingdom of God! It is the kingdom where God reigns.
- **There will be the time that will come when Jesus will come and reign on earth.** And that will be called the time of the kingdom of God. Jesus told us that we should pray, (Mat 6:10) *Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.* We are looking forward to that day. But even now,

Jesus is saying, you can experience the kingdom of God. All you have to do is surrender and pledge obedience to the King.

- **In contrast to those who would think, Well, it is going to come slowly, imperceptibly, until one day the Christians will have taken over the Republican party and we have taken over the United States and then we rule the world. Forget it. It does not come with observation. When it comes, everybody is going to know it and everybody is going to see it!**
- **The important issue is that, after all, He is the King! He is now among you and me. So, if you have surrendered your life to Jesus, you are in the Kingdom of God! Luke emphasizes that it has nothing to do with your Jewishness. It has to do with your surrendering to Christ!**
- ***How well do I understand Jesus' answer to the pharisees question of "When the kingdom of God would come?" Do I understand it does not come by observation, but by the kingdom of God being within me? Have I fully surrendered my life to Jesus Christ, whereby I am now in the kingdom of God, where He reigns?***

*Luk 17:22-23 Then He said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. [23] And they will say to you, 'Look here!' or 'Look there!' Do not go after them or follow them.*

- There are those people that are constantly running around trying to find the hot spot of blessing. It is happening in Toronto. Have you heard of the Toronto Blessing? They claim that some 200,000 people went to Toronto to receive the Toronto Blessing. Oh, it is here! Oh no, it is there! There are always those people that are running around trying to find the spout where the glory comes out!

*Luk 17:24 For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day. (In His Second Coming)*

- *(Mat 24:27) For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*
- **All places at once! When He comes to this earth to establish His Kingdom, you will know it. It will be as public as lightning, lighting up the whole sky and everybody knows it, everybody sees it. It is not going to be a secret coming, as the Jehovah Witnesses teach. No, the world will know it!**
- ***As the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day. Do I realize that He is describing His Second Coming? Just how ready for that event am I? Those loved ones around me?***

*Luk 17:25 But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.*

- ***But first!*** Before this happens, before He establishes that kingdom of God upon the earth, He *must suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation. (Psa22; Isa 53)*
- **To dispel the thought that He was on His way to Jerusalem to lead a rebellion against the Roman government, establishing then immediately the kingdom of God upon the earth, He said before this happens, I have to be rejected by this generation and suffer many things, crucified! Then He goes ahead, still talking about the day when the kingdom will come!**

*Luk 17:26-29 And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: [27] They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. [28] Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; [29] but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.*

- **Concerning the kingdom, when it comes, men will be going on with business as usual. Suddenly, the King will come! When He comes, it will first of all be a day of judgment. He will gather the nations together, judging them to determine which will be allowed to even experience the kingdom and live in the glorious reign of Christ upon the earth. Many at that point will be cast out. Then He will separate them as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. To those on His left hand He will say, Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity. Go to the place prepared for Satan and his angels.**
- **It will be a time of judgment. But it will be sudden. People will not be expecting it.** Oh no, I was there, he was preaching, he was building his ark. For the god of this world has blinded their eyes that they cannot see the truth. How it dulls and impeded the senses of man!
- **It will be like the Days of Lot (3x in Gospels, only Luk; once, righteous Lot in (2Pe 2:7). They were of God and the wrath of God came.**

*Luk 17:30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.*

- (2Th 1:7b,8) *when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, [8] in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Luk 31-32 "In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. [32] Remember Lot's wife.*

- She was turned into a pillar of salt as she turned back to Sodom!.

**Luk 17:33 Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.**

- The teaching of Jesus. We have much the same thing in the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew. Some of the same illustrations and then also out of Matthew's gospel.

**Luk 17:34-37 I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. [35] Two women will be grinding together (in the morning): the one will be taken and the other left. [36] Two men will be in the field (during the day – note this is worldwide!): the one will be taken and the other left." [37] And they answered and said to Him, "Where, Lord?" So He said to them, "Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together." - (Mat 24:28) For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together. (Job 39:30) Its young ones suck up blood; And where the slain are, there it is."**

- **There are two major interpretations of this passage which are diametrically opposed to each other.** In one interpretation of this passage, those who are taken are the blessed ones! Where those that are left are those who will be facing the Great Tribulation! the judgment of God that is coming upon the earth. That is one of the interpretations. **The other interpretation is that those who are taken are taken to judgment,** exactly the opposite interpretations. That those that are left are those that are blessed.
- **For they say when the disciples asked, Where Lord? That is, where are they taken?** One will be taken, the other left. Where, Lord? He said, "Wherever the body is, there will the eagles be gathered together." They relate that to a proverb, "Wherever a dead body is, or carcass there the vultures are gathered together." In (Rev 19:17) Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds (or nee – bird or fowl) that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God. The book of Revelation **where the birds are invited to come and feast on the bodies of men** at the great battle of Armageddon. The word for eagles is *aetos*. It is not really the word for vulture.
- **The interesting thing is that in the two previous allegories concerning Noah and concerning Lot,** the ones who were taken were the ones who were spared the judgment that came from God. Noah going into the Ark, the day he was taken into the Ark and then the judgment of the great flood came upon the earth.
- **Lot was taken out of the city. When he was taken out of the city, then the judgment of God came** upon Sodom. The angel taking him out said, Hurry, we cannot destroy this place until you are safely out. Thus, in context, remember Lot's wife who hesitated, who turned back and thus was destroyed.
- **In Peter's commentary concerning Lot, he says that his righteous spirit was vexed** by the way people were living in Sodom. He speaks about how that God delivered that righteous man Lot before the judgment came. God knows how to deliver the righteous but to reserve the ungodly for judgment.
- **This is a difficult passage because there are two basic interpretations.** Those who used the interpretation that the ones that are taken are the blessed ones because they are spared the judgment that is coming, they refer to then "Wherever the body is, there will the eagles be gathered together" and they say that the eagles is a classification of the saints as eagles. This is Watchman Nee's position.
- **Which interpretation is correct? I do not know. I can see possibilities and merits. So, whatever you are comfortable with. I will not argue with whatever position you want to take. I can see merit in both positions. I keep that one as an open file.**
- **Commentary from Matthew Henry:** They had enquired concerning the time (when), and He would not gratify their curiosity with any information concerning that; they therefore tried Him with another question: "Where, Lord? Where shall those be safe that are taken? Where shall those perish that are left?" The answer is proverbial, and may be explained so as to answer each side of the question:
- **"Where, Lord?" - Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together." (1) Wherever the wicked are, who are marked for perdition, they shall be found out by the judgments of God;** as wherever a dead carcass is, the birds of prey will smell it out, and make a prey of it. The Jews having made themselves a dead and putrefied carcass, *odious* to God's holiness and *obnoxious* to His

justice, wherever any of that unbelieving generation is, the judgments of God shall fasten upon them, as the eagles do upon the prey: The Roman soldiers will hunt the Jews out of all their recesses.

- (2) **Wherever the godly are, who are marked for preservation, they shall be found happy in the enjoyment of Christ.** As the dissolution of the Jewish church shall be extended to all parts, so shall the constitution of the Christian church. Wherever Christ is, believers will flock to Him, and meet in Him, as eagles about the prey, without being directed or shown the way, by the instinct of the new nature. Now Christ is where His gospel, and His ordinances, and His church are: *For where two or three are gathered in his name there is he in the midst of them*, and thither therefore others will be gathered to him.
- **The kingdom of the Messiah is not to have one particular place for its *metropolis*, such as Jerusalem was to the Jewish church, to which all Jews were to resort; but, *wherever the body is, wherever the gospel is preached* and ordinances are ministered, thither will pious souls resort, there they will find Christ, and by faith feast upon Him. Wherever Christ records His name He will meet His people, and bless them. Many good interpreters understand it as the gathering of the saints together to Christ in the kingdom of glory.**
- **When and Where the Kingdom of God Would Come?** Even so Come, Lord Jesus! May we watch, work, have faith, and be ready, being persistent in prayer!

## SUMMARY

- ***How many times a day, if a person sins against me, would I be willing to rebuke him, and if he repents, would I forgive him? More than one time? Three times? Seven times? A total of 490 times? (Luke 17:4)***
- ***How likely is it that if I had been one of the ten lepers cleansed, that I would have been the one that returned to give glory to God? Do I understand that his cleansing me of my sin forever, is a much greater miracle gift than cleansing a leper? How thankful am I? (Luke 17:17)***
- ***How well do I understand Jesus' answer to the pharisees question of "When the kingdom of God would come?" Do I understand it does not come by observation, but by the kingdom of God being within me? Have I fully surrendered my life to Jesus Christ, whereby I am now in the kingdom of God, where He reigns? (Luke 17:21)***
- ***As the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day. Do I realize that He is describing His Second Coming? Just how ready for that event am I? Those loved ones around me? Do I realize that He is describing His Second Coming? Just how ready for that event am I? (Luke 17:24)***
- (Luk 17:20b) *when the kingdom of God would come?* Even so Come, Lord Jesus!

***EVEN SO COME (with Passion)*** Kristian Stanfill (4:02/4:05)

*All of creation All of the earth Make straight a highway A path for the Lord Jesus is coming soon*

*Call back the sinner Wake up the saint Let every nation shout of Your fame Jesus is coming soon*

*Like a bride waiting for her groom We'll be a Church ready for You Every heart longing for our King*

*We sing Even so come Lord Jesus, come Even so come Lord Jesus, come*

*There will be justice All will be new Your name forever Faithful and true Jesus is coming soon*

*Like a bride waiting for her groom We'll be a Church ready for You Every heart longing for our King*

*We sing Even so come Lord Jesus, come Even so come Lord Jesus, come*

*So we wait We wait for You God, we wait You're coming soon*

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*Like a bride waiting for her groom We'll be a Church ready for You Every heart longing for our King*

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## CLOSING PRAYER

**NEXT WEEK: Read and study *Luke Chapter 18!***