



Time to Settle the Score

Luke 12:57-13:9

Sermon Study Notes

We naturally prefer comfort to challenge and compliments to correction.
Not only were the people blind to what was apparent, they were blind to what was approaching.
They didn't just fail to discern the time, they failed to discern the threat.
Luke is not merely a historian; he's primarily a theologian.

I. Repent, don't defend. (12:57-59)

You are accused by God's commandments.

You are accused by your own conscience.

You are accused by unintended consequences.

You are going to stand before the Judge.

Once you are before the Judge, you have no control.

The punishment will last as long as the debt.

This passage has no meaning if God does not, in fact, punish sin.

Takeaway: Settle with your accuser before you go to court!

II. Repent, don't deflect. (13:1-5)

The Temple Casualties: You can't read the mind of God in human depravity.

The Tower Calamity: You can't read the mind of God in human devastation.

"When it comes time to die, make sure that all you have to do is die." - *Jim Elliot*

The True Catastrophe: You can't read the mind of God in your own destruction.

Takeaway: I cannot read the mind of God and will not stand in judgment of Him. Rather, He will stand in judgment of me.

III. Repent, don't delay. (13:6-9)

The Barren Tree: God has already scrutinized me.

The world is full of suffering, not because God created it that way, but because humanity corrupted it with sin.

We perpetuate the problem of evil through continued sin.

Evil is not "out there;" it lives in the heart of every person.

The Borrowed Time: God's mercy has stretched my opportunity.

The Brutal Truth: God's justice must be satisfied.

Repentance requires agreeing with God's diagnosis.

Repentance requires affirming God's deliverance.

Repentance requires accepting God's direction.

Takeaway: The time to repent is short, and the prospect of doing so is not good.

The starting point for forgiveness and life is repentance.

You need to settle with God right now.