

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#50 – “Find Safety in Christ Before It Is Too Late” – Luke 12:49-59

I. Introduction

A. Prophet’s warnings are seldom heeded.

1. Israel
2. Modern day example

B. Today’s Text – Luke 12:49-59

II. Exposition

A. Luke 12:49-50

1. Note meaning of the term “fire,” vs. 49.

a. Most often identified with divine judgment.

1. Deut. 32:22; Isa. 26:11; Jer. 4:4; Amos 1:4,7

b. Judgment was coming – The Jews always thought it would be upon the Gentiles.

1. Heb. 12:29

2. “How I wish it were already kindled.”

a. A reference to His baptism by fire, vs. 50.

1. God’s justice poured out.

3. “Distressed” – until ordeal is complete.

a. In Luke 9:51 Jesus’ ministry pivots and He heads to Jerusalem. By the end of Chapter 12, His pace quickens.

B. Luke 12:51-53

1. The division is over the gospel and it always divides.

a. Jim Carrey

b. All Christians experience this division.

c. Most difficult in families.

1. William Barclay

d. Also leaving non-believing friends behind

C. Luke 12:54-56

1. Weather forecasting.

2. Jesus’ instruction

a. Know the signs

b. Weather and hypocrisy

1. Living in denial of God’s storm of judgment on the rise while the miracles and teaching of Jesus are in clear view.

2. Key texts: I Chr.12:32; Luke 4:21; 11:20; John 10:23

3. Hypocrisy – pretending to not see the obvious.

D. Luke 12:57-59

1. Better to settle before arriving at court if you are guilty.

III. Points for Reflection

A. Jesus remains as the only way.

B. The Prince of Peace remains as the Peacemaker between God and man.

C. Jesus ran to His death.

D. Discerning the times also means never forgetting where we came from or who we really are.