

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#58 – “Some Hard Sayings of Christ” – Luke 14:25-35

I. Introduction

A. Recently used worship song.

1. Mold me and make me.
2. The cost of confessing the lordship of Christ.

B. C. S. Lewis – Mere Christianity, Chapter 9, Book 4

C. Today’s Text: Luke 14:25-35

II. Exposition

A. Luke 14:25

1. Great crowds
 - a. Some sincere and some simply interested.
2. Jesus decides to winnow the crowd with thought provoking statements.

B. Luke 14:26

1. Would never be said by a politician.
2. His remark is not inconsistent with the rest of the New Testament (Eph. 5:25, Titus 2:4, Eph. 6:4)
3. Semitic way of expressing preference.
 - a. Example: Malachi 1:2-3; Romans 9:13
 - b. Example: Genesis 29:31
4. Expressed by Jesus elsewhere – Matthew 10:37
 - a. Daniel Block; Thomas Boston

5. Offense was over Jesus speaking of Himself as God.

C. Luke 14:27

1. A head-turner.
2. An uncommon expression of the death penalty.

D. Luke 14:28-32

1. Two examples used.
 - a. The real life example.
 - b. The military example.

E. Luke 14:33

1. One of the most pointed verses found in the New Testament.
 - a. To give up” or “take leave of”
 - b. Joseph Fitzmyer

F. Luke 14:34-35

1. Another mini-parable inserted.
 - a. The meaning – note salt loses its salty effect when it becomes contaminated.
 - b. Howard Marshall

III. Points for Reflection

- A. The cruciform life is synonymous with being a Christian.
- B. We can not earn our salvation, but being a disciple of Christ costs us everything – our time, talent and treasure.
- C. We never know when God is going to ask us to give of that which was entrusted to us for a season. Be generous now in order to be ready for God’s future request of cross-bearing.