

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#68 – “Where Is the Kingdom of God” – Luke 17:20-37

I. Introduction

A. Pastor Don’s observation about growing anxiety within Christians’ outlook.

1. Contributing factors

- a. Spiraling national debt,
- b. Moral fabric of the nation in decline
- c. Local church incompetency growing
- d. The political landscape

B. Today’s Text – Luke 17:20-37

II. Exposition

A. Luke 17:20-21

1. The political landscape in the first century.
2. Pharisees anticipate the Messiah’s grand entrance.
3. They failed to understand two comings of the Lord.
4. They did not understand the spiritual nature of the Kingdom’s presence.

B. Luke 17:22-24

1. Days are coming
 - a. Son of Man language (Daniel 7:13-14)
2. There will be no inside information concerning the Lord’s return.

C. Luke 17:25

1. A foreshadowing of the crucifixion – Lk 9:22,44

D. Luke 17:26-27

1. Example #1 – Noah and the Flood
2. Echoes of 9/11 regarding Sodomites and unpreparedness

E. Luke 17:28-29

1. Example #2 – Lot: Not just another day in Sodom

F. Luke 17:30

1. Time is up.

G. Luke 17:31

1. No time for precious items forgotten at the home.

H. Luke 17:32

1. One of the shortest verses in the Bible.
2. She longed for what was behind.

I. Luke 17:33

1. We cannot hold onto Jesus and hold onto the world at the same time.

J. Luke 17:34-36

1. Manuscript discrepancy
2. Similar to that expressed in I Thess. 4:15-17

K. Luke 17:37

1. “Where, Lord?”
2. The “corpse”
 - a. Many meanings.

III. Points for Reflection

A. If you are looking forward to the second coming, then you had better receive Jesus and His instruction offered during His first coming.

B. The kingdom may be nearer than you think.

C. The Son of Man will come with sudden and inescapable force.