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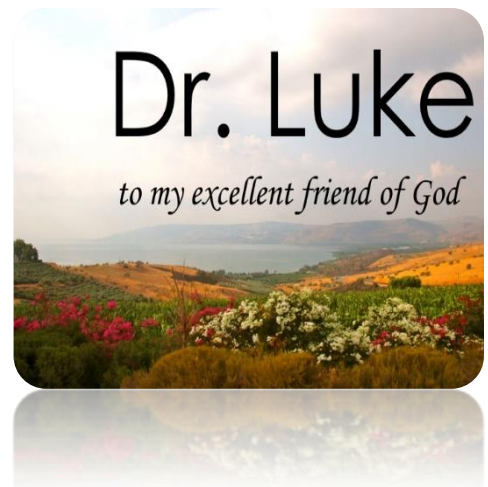
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In the previous chapter, Dr. Luke told us about the 70 men the Lord sent out to advance the kingdom of God, bringing peace and healing the sick; and their return brought great joy to Jesus that He was jubilant. Next, Luke told us about a lawyer who engaged Jesus about what he needed to do to inherit eternal life, and Jesus taught the parable of the Good Samaritan; and just fixed the feud between the two sisters in the Bethany house.

Instructions on prayer,

And it happened, that, as He was praying in a certain place, when He finished, one of His disciples asked Him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.



² And He said to them, When you pray, say, Our Father Who is in heaven, Your Name is Holy. May Your kingdom come. Your will be done, as in heaven, so on earth.

³ You give us day after day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive all who are indebted to us. And do not leave us in the test; but deliver us from the evil one.

⁵ And He said to them, Suppose you have a friend, and will go to him at midnight, and say to him, Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;

⁶ for a friend of mine on his journey has come to me, and I have nothing to give him.

⁷ And he from inside will answer and say, Do not trouble me: the door is now shut, and my children and I are in bed; and I cannot get up and help you.

⁸ I say to you, Though he will not get up and help, because he is a friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

⁹ And I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; Seek, and you will find; Knock, and it will be opened to you.

¹⁰ For everyone who keeps asking receives; and he who keeps seeking finds; and he who keeps knocking it will be opened.

¹¹ Now suppose one of your fathers is asked by a son for bread, will you give him a stone? or if he asks for fish, will you give him a snake?

¹² Or if he asks you for an egg, will you give him a scorpion?

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13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children: how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to them who ask Him?

Rejection by the nation,

14 And Jesus was casting out a demon, and it was dumb. And it happened, when the demon went out, the dumb man spoke; and the massive crowd marveled.

15 But some of them said, He casts out demons by Beelzebub the chief ruler of demons.

16 And others, testing Him, demanded of Him a miraculous sign from heaven.

17 But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to destruction; and a house divided against itself falls.

18 And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebub.

19 But if I by Beelzebub cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? So they will be your judges.

20 But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

21 When a strong man totally armed guards his homestead, his possessions are undisturbed:

22 but when one stronger than him attacks him, he overpowers him, taking away from him all his armor on which he trusted, and divides his winnings.

23 He who is not with Me is against Me: and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

24 When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, it walks through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, it says, I will return to my house from where I came.

25 And when it comes, and finds it swept and decorated,

26 then it goes and takes along seven other spirits more wicked than itself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

The crowds keep coming to Jesus,

27 And it happened, as He spoke these things / what things? Things about the confusion over demon possession; and the inability of some to identify and deal with it properly.

So as Jesus is speaking...

a certain woman of the massive crowd / in the multitude that had gathered around Jesus. I bet it's grandma Galilee -- sweet lady, Ooh! She makes good pie! The best!

lifted up her voice and said to Him / you know how she does that:

Blessing on the womb that bare you! / can you imagine? And the crowds begin to chant: Mom and apple pie! Mom and apple pie! And grandma is just getting inspired:

and the breasts that You sucked.

Can you imagine if they had TV, what we would be watching? Oh! It is what is on TV! That's the celebration of humanism; of Romanism. This certain woman interrupting Jesus -- already showed a lack of discernment; absurdly centering His teaching... and His good words... in motherhood, albeit mother Mary-hood. And can you almost hear the eternal Father say... This is My beloved Son; listen to Him. We know that Jesus attributes everything He said... and did... to His Father in heaven

And don't you love Jesus' answer?

²⁸ **But He said** / well, yeah! **but... rather** / a far-greater blessing, **are those who hear the word of God, and keep it** / **phyllasso**, those who thoroughly safeguard the word of God in their hearts. And notice, He did not say, Guard our feelings and opinions about the Word of God. He said, Learn His word, consume it; and it will spring forth with JOY... a far greater blessing!

²⁹ **And when the people were gathered thick together** / it was a huge crowd, standing room only,

He began to say, This is an evil generation / the word is: **poneros**, those laboring, those exerting all effort... to be a pain in the ass -- generation.

who seek a miraculous sign / they want to be spiritually entertained... and to be razzle dazzled! Or worse: they want to put God to the test!

and no miraculous sign will be given it,

but the sign of Jonah / the prophet who was in the belly of the whale **3 days and 3 nights**.

³⁰ **For as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation.**

³¹ **The queen of the south will rise up in judgment** / the Queen of Sheba... she is from **Arabia**. Hm?! on Judgment Day,

with the men of this generation / with the dominating male supremacy crowd, wow! Can you imagine if people in the church would have **guarded to protect... these words of Jesus**? How different our world would be! But alas, the neglected words of Jesus!

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Let's hear it again!!

The queen of the south / she is the Queen of Sheba... from Arabia! Imagine it! **Jesus is talking!**

The queen of the south will rise up in judgment, with this male dominated generation

Wow! Women... we haven't heard this good news verse preached much, have we?!

and condemn them / oh! that's why!

For she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and pay attention, something greater than Solomon is going on here.

³² **The men of Nineveh** / this ancient city, is modern day Mosul, located in northern Iraq; this word is: **aner**; meaning... **husbands**, and husbands have wives who expect to have kids, so we're learning about the **fathers** of Nineveh, too... **not** spiritual like creepy un married religious fathers, **but real fathers!**

The men, and husbands and fathers of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation, and condemn it / this word is: **katakrino**; which always means... to **ultimately condemn**; to damn! It is interesting, over 2,500 years, hundreds of thousands comprising the ancient families worshiped the Lord in this city where Jonah was buried -- the region where the 10 lost tribes of Israel were originally taken in Assyrian captivity; a region that still spoke the ancient Aramaic language... the language of Jesus.

In recent years – in our genius 21st century, of endless wars, 95% of the Mosul families have been driven out of their city; families that fled at threat of life... from militias who claim to be peaceful... outfitted in the finest military equipment -- even equipment left from the US invasion of Iraq **paid for by US citizens tax dollars**; yet these warriors... must have been fearful of these citizens of Mosul, because the little children were beheaded, and the women and wives were raped and many murdered as recent as August, 2014 by moderate rebel soldiers who swear they have peaceful intentions, too.

So, is there any question why Jesus the great Teacher... said what He said?

The men and husbands and fathers of Nineveh, also will rise up in the judgment and condemn this generation: for at the preaching of Jonah they had a changed mind / they had a METANOEO moment; **meta = change + noeo = mind** this word that suggests something every student of the Lord should do... every day of their life; the word simply means: **a changed mind**, rethink, reconsider. **Because Jesus knew that without a changed mind, there will be no changed heart.**

; and pay attention, something greater than Jonah is going on here.

It really begs the question: What will they rise up and say in the Judgment... to us of the 21st century?

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