

Luke 13:18-35

THE KING IS IN THEIR MIDST...BUT THEY MISS HIM!

Background: Luke 24:25-27 & Acts 8:32-35 & Luke 12:49ff

All of history points to this moment, the sacrifice of _____, Noah and the ark, the promise to _____, the deliverance of Israel from _____, the leading of the Spirit of God in the wilderness, the _____ of God in their wanderings, the Tabernacle and their worship in the _____, the kings and the prophets, the destruction of Jerusalem & the saving of a remnant during the exile and their return to the _____...all point to God's love and His desire to gather us up in His arms as a father loves his children.

The time had come to initiate God's plan of _____ for all men. Judgment must be cast upon the earth, but He had come to take that judgment upon Himself!

The response of mankind to Jesus Christ would cause division. Jesus condemns the people of His day for knowing the signs of the weather, but NOT knowing the signs of the times. He urges them to _____ while there is time.

As an example of what He is saying, Jesus enters a synagogue and heals a woman who had been doubled over for _____ years. The Creator-God is in their midst and they miss Him.

Luke makes it clear that Jesus came offering the Kingdom of God to whomever would repent and _____.

Here's the question. What is the Kingdom of God? Who gets to enter?

Keep in mind that this is being addressed throughout Luke's entire Gospel. In this section, he focuses on part of the answer. If you want to know more look at Luke 8 & 9.

Luke 13:18-21 What is the Kingdom of God like? Jesus gives two parables.

Note..."Therefore..." linking the previous incident to what follows _____.

The parable of the mustard seed.

Focuses on the end result, the Kingdom of God and its _____. The birds rest in it's branches is a symbol of the nations of the earth. (Ezek. 17:23; 31:6; Dn. 4:12-21). The kingdom will be universal. The Kingdom of God will be made up of _____ nations.

The parable of the leaven.

The previous parable focuses on the kingdom's extension throughout the world. This parable focuses on its _____ power. It doesn't take much to make a

large quantity of dough rise. Only a small amount is needed. The work of yeast is quiet and unseen, it is hidden in the dough. It works from the _____ out. The work of God begins in the heart and works its way to the _____.

IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE POWER TO CHANGE COMES FROM THE _____; THE DOUGH DOES NOT CHANGE ITSELF.

Notes from Tyndale's New Testament Commentary on the Gospel of Luke.

Luke 13:22-30 Who will be in the Kingdom of God?

This next incident took place most likely at another time, but it is linked in subject, so Luke includes it in this section.

This was a relevant question. On Jesus' way to Jerusalem as He was preaching and teaching in small villages and towns on the way, someone asked this question and Luke includes it in his gospel.

It is very likely that a firm belief in that day, possibly by the Sanhedrin, was that all _____ would be saved...except for a few blatant sinners who excluded themselves. (Tyndale, p. 225)

Jesus does not answer directly, but urges all to make sure they are in the number.

“strive” as one agonizes in the Games or in sports. This points to “no half-hearted” effort.

Luke 13:31-35

“the fox Herod”

Lament over Jerusalem.