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The Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ – Lecture #43

Book and Chapter – Luke Chapters 10 (*verses 21 – all*) & 11

LUKE 10

Jesus Rejoices in Spirit

V21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, “I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

I Corinthians 1:26-29: 26 “For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, nor many noble, *are called*.

V27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty.

V28 And the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,

V29 That no flesh should glory in His presence.”

V22 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is but the Father, and who the Father is but the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*.”

John 1:18 “No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.”

V23 And He turned to *His* disciples and said privately, “Blessed *are* the eyes which see the things you see;

V24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen *it*, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard *it*.”

God’s spirit was working with them, and the Father was drawing them to Christ (**John 6:44**). Therefore they could understand the spiritual things Christ was teaching.

I Corinthians 2:9-11: V9 “But as it is written: ‘*Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.*’

V10 But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

V11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.”

I Corinthians 2:14 “But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.”

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

V25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

V26 He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading *of it?*”

V27 So he answered and said, “*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,*’ and ‘*your neighbor as yourself.*”

V28 And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.”

V29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

If you combine all of God’s laws (as Christ did), all of God’s laws and prophets come to two great principles – love toward God and love toward your neighbor.

When this lawyer asked Jesus “*Who is my neighbor?*” he was *not* genuinely trying to understand the answer to the question. Rather, he asked the question *wanting to justify himself*. He was hoping to find a way around doing what he did not want to do! This question was an attempt to limit the demands of the Law by suggesting that some people are neighbors while others are not.

The lawyer knew the law. He also knew he who he was talking to – as he calls Jesus Master or *Teacher*.

V30 Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead.

The distance from *Jerusalem to Jericho* was a 17 mile journey on a road known to harbor many robbers. They would hide in caves along the way and attack their victims.

What would you do if you came upon this man? How should a Christian react?

V31 Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

Why did he do that? Would you say he pretended not to see him? Possibly. Would you say that maybe he was busy? Possibly. You might say, “Well, maybe he said a short prayer in his mind.” Maybe he did. But, what good is that? There’s a man dying, and you say, “Well, God, take care of him. I’m real busy right now!” And just go by!

V32 Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.

The priest and the Levite traditionally would have been the “good guys.” Did the Levite say a prayer in his mind, too, as he passed by?

V33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion *on him*,

The Samaritans stopped – because *he had compassion*. When a person has genuine compassion for another human being, action follows!

It’s likely he was busy too. But he stopped whatever he was doing, because the half-dead man was much more important.

The *neighbor* here was not someone the Samaritan knew or even someone of the same race, just someone in need. One of the reasons the Samaritans were despised by the orthodox Jews is because most of the Jews from that region had intermarried with foreigners and had mixed their religion with that of those they married. The irony of the parable is that a scorned Samaritan is the one who showed true love to his neighbor.

V34 And went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

Oil was used to soothe wounds. *Wine* was used as a disinfectant.

He stayed at the inn with the person and took care of him all night.

V35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’

Two denarii – The typical rate per day at an inn in those days was approximately one-twelfth of a denarius – at that rate the Samaritan paid for 24 days at the inn. And he was willing to spend even more in necessary.

V36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?”

V37 And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Only the stranger, the outsider, the Samaritan showed true love to his neighbor. Could you or I be guilty of priest or Levite reasoning? Do we sometimes just pray about someone who is need

when actually we can *do* something for him? We should pray, but sometimes we can do much more.

Actually, it is much harder to love our neighbor as yourself than to love God. It takes much more conversion because that neighbor might hate us, or may be our enemy, and maybe doesn't deserve it.

The Good Samaritan had no idea who the man was, He had no expectation the man would ever repay. He simply did the right thing!

Question: Who is our neighbor?

Answer: Our neighbor is anyone who is need of help. That is the central issue being addressed by Christ.

Mary and Martha Worship and Serve

V38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house.

V39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.

V40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

V41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.

V42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

Her complaint indicates that she was irritated that her sister was not helping her. Jesus tenderly replied – *Martha, Martha* – and notes that she was distracted by the amount of serving she felt she had to do. Next, He pointed out that *Mary* had chosen rightly by giving her full attention to Jesus, and what He had to say.

LUKE 11

The Model Prayer

V1 And it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, *that* one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

V2 So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven.

Our Father in heaven – Jesus came to reveal the Father to mankind (**John 1:18**). And He always addressed the Father in His prayers.

Christ also said that our Father is *in heaven*. It is important to realize that we may have a personal audience with the Supreme Ruler of the universe! Most people would treasure a private audience with one of this world's leaders. Think how infinitely greater is our privilege of coming daily to the very throne room of the universe, to talk with the Ruler over all.

Thy kingdom come. Praying “Thy Kingdom Come” is asking that God’s literal government be set up on this earth through the return of Jesus Christ as “King of kings, and Lord of lords (**Revelation 19:16**).

Your will be done... Do we desire the Kingdom, and pray for it to come – so that God’s will is done on this earth?

V3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

This request recognizes that we are dependent on God for our daily needs. In our personal requests we can detail our needs and ask God to guide us to do our part. God knows of these needs even before we ask Him (**Matthew 6:8**). However, He has not promised to automatically supply what we do not ask for.

V4 And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us – It is important for us to recognize that if mercy is to be sought from God, then mercy must be shown to others. Remember the Golden Rule – whatever we want men to do to us, we must do also to them (**Matthew 7:12**).

Lead us not into temptation – This verse is often misunderstood as suggesting perhaps God can lead us into sin. God NEVER tempts us to sin!

James 1:12-15: V12 “Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been proved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

V13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

V14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

V15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.”

We should pray daily and earnestly that God would not permit us to be brought into any “sore trial” [*original Greek meaning here*] or temptation of Satan’s devising, and that He would give us the spiritual help to master any wrong desires and to do the right thing!

A Friend Comes at Midnight

V5 And He said to them, “Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves;

V6 For a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him’;

V7 And he will answer from within and say, ‘Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you’?

V8 “I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

Keep Asking, Seeking, Knocking

V9 And I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

V10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

For everyone who asks...it will be given – does not mean that we will receive whatever we want in prayer. Sometimes the answer is “wait.” Sometimes the answer is “no.” We must ask in accordance with God’s will. And we must not forget that God knows what is best for us. However, we must be “persistent” and “bold” in our prayers. We see examples where fervent and effectual prayers literally caused God to change His mind! For example:

II Kings 20:1-6: V1 “In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, “Thus says the LORD; ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.’”

V2 Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD, saying,

V3 ‘Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done *what was* good in Your sight.’ And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

V4 Then it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

V5 ‘Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, ‘Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: ‘I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD.

V6 And I will add to your days fifteen years. I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake, and for the sake of my servant David.’”

V11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish?

V12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

V13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

If people, who are evil, can give *good gifts*, imagine the kinds of gifts that God can give! What is the value of our calling – or the God’s gift of the *Holy Spirit*?

Romans 8:9 “...Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.”

Romans 8:11 “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

A House Divided Cannot Stand

V14 And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled.

V15 But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.”

V16 And others, testing *Him*, sought from Him a sign from heaven.

V17 But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house *divided* against a house falls.

V18 If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub.

Jesus miracles were so obvious that they required some kind of explanation as far as these people were concerned. They refused to believe that He was who He claimed to be! So they tried to attribute the miracles He performed to being of demonic origin. This is the ultimate blasphemy – to attribute the works of God to the works of Satan the devil!

The Latin name *Beelzebub* was originally a reference to the Philistine god “Baal-Zebub” worshiped at the city of Ekron (see **II Kings 1:2-3, 6, 16**). The name literally means “Lord of the Flies.”

V19 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? Therefore they will be your judges.

Jesus’ question – *by whom do your sons cast them out?* – Jesus reply implied that if the answer is “by authority from God” – then why not give Him [*Jesus*] the same credit?

V20 But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

With the finger of God – is an allusion to the power of God, like that demonstrated in the Exodus (**Exodus 8:19; Deuteronomy 9:10; Psalm 8:3**). Jesus cast out demons with authority from God!

V21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace.

V22 But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils.

Jesus portrays Himself as someone *stronger* than Satan and all the forces of evil!

V23 He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with me scatters.

Not to be aligned with Jesus is to be against Him. Once we know the truth we must make a choice. Neutrality is not an option. We are either with Him or we are against Him.

An Unclean Spirit Returns

V24 When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’

V25 And when he comes, he finds *it* swept and put in order.

Swept – The person in whom the demon has been cast out of becomes like a clean house, although empty if God is not present, and exposed to spiritual danger!

V26 Then he goes and takes with *him* seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first.”

The last state...is worse – Jesus point is that experiencing God’s mercy and blessing in such cases, and then ignoring it leaves one open to an even more severe case of possession.

James 4:7 “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

Ephesians 6:11-12: V11 “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

V12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.”

Keeping the Word

V27 And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed *is* the womb that bore You, and *the* breasts which nursed You!”

V28 But He said, “More than that, blessed *are* those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

There are blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience (**Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28**).

Seeking a Sign

V29 And while the crowds were thickly gathered together, He began to say, “This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.

The only sign Jesus gave as proof of His Messiahship was the *sign of Jonah the prophet*.

Matthew 12:40 “For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”

V30 For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation.

V31 The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon *is* here.

V32 The men Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah *is* here.

Jesus’ warned that refusal to hear Him would result in condemnation from those in the Old Testament who had responded to God’s teaching. The examples Jesus offered included Gentiles such as the *queen of the South* (the queen of Sheba in – **I Kings 10:1-10**) and *the Ninevites (Jonah 3)*. Because Jesus is *greater than* those who proclaimed God’s word in those days – *Solomon* and *Jonah* – His word should have been heeded by those of His day.

The Lamp of the Body

V33 No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts *it* in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the light.

V34 The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when *your eye* is bad, your body also *is* full of darkness.

Verses 33 & 34 – could also be translated – “No one lights a lamp and hides it! Instead he puts it on a lampstand to give light to all who enter the room. Your eyes light up your inward being. A pure eye lets sunshine into your soul. A lustful eye shuts out the light and plunges you into darkness.”

Then a warning...

V35 Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness.

“So watch out that the sunshine isn’t blotted out.”

V36 If then your whole body *is* full of light, having no part dark, *the* whole *body* will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light.”

Ephesians 5:8 “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.”

We should be full of light and be godly examples. The world finds itself in spiritual darkness.

Ephesians 5:11 “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*.”

King David said – **Psalm 101:3** “I will set nothing wicked before my eyes...”

Woe to the Pharisees and Lawyers

V37 And as He spoke, a certain Pharisee asked Him to dine with him. So He went in and sat down to eat.

V38 And when the Pharisee saw *it*, he marveled that He had not first washed before dinner.

This was a ceremonial washing – a tradition of the Pharisees – not a command from God.

V39 But the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your inward part is full of greed and wickedness.

The ***inside of the cup*** represents a person’s character.

The Pharisees washed the outside of cups, making sure that the cups had not become unclean through contact with a dead insect. Jesus pointed out that the Pharisees concerned themselves with outward appearances and ritual cleanness, while what was inside, what really counts, was full of ***greed and wickedness***.

V40 Foolish ones! Did not He who made the outside make the inside also?

V41 But rather give alms of such things as you have; then indeed all things are clean to you.

V42 But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

The Pharisees tithed ten percent, even down to the smallest herbs. It is proper to tithe – and not leave that undone. However, they neglected two basic things [*big things*] that the prophets also had warned about – ***justice and the love of God***.

Micah 6:8 “He has shown you, O man, what *is* good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Zechariah 7:8-10: V8 “Then the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying,
V9 “Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Execute true justice, show mercy and compassion everyone to his brother.
V10 Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart against his brother.’”

V43 Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces.

V44 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like graves which are not seen, and the men who walk over *them* are not aware of *them*. ”

Matthew 23:27 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead *men*’s bones and all uncleanness.”

V45 Then one of the lawyers answered and said to Him, “Teacher, by saying these things You reproach us also.”

V46 And He said, “Woe to you also, *you* lawyers! For you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers.

Jesus was accusing the scribes of hypocrisy in not practicing what they taught! The Pharisees and lawyers of Jesus day personified a common human problem – power corrupts! The religious leaders of that day took it to themselves to add to the laws of God (**Deuteronomy 4:2; Deuteronomy 12:32**). These religious hypocrites added many dos and don’ts to the keeping of God’s law and made keeping the law a burden.

V47 Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them.

V48 In fact, you bear witness that you approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs.

For you build the tombs of the prophets – Jesus made a comparison of the generation of His day and the generations of the past. Jesus was saying that the generation of His day was finishing the job of slaying the prophets that the generations which preceded them started. The building and maintenance of the tombs was supposed to be an act of honoring the dead prophets, but Jesus pointed out that they actually were responsible for killing them!

V49 Therefore the wisdom of God also said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, and *some* of them they will kill and persecute.’

The *prophets and apostles* who would be persecuted and killed were the disciples and prophets of the early Church. This was the basis of Jesus previous rebuke! The prophets and apostles of Christ day would suffer the same fate as the prophets of old.

V50 That the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation,

V51 For the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation.

Able is pictured as the first prophet to be killed, going back to *foundation of the world* (Genesis 4:10). *Zechariah* would be the last prophet of the Old Testament slain (II Chronicles 24:20-25).

Required of this generation – The scribes and Pharisees of Christ’s time had inherited all the guilt of their forefathers.

V52 Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered.”

Jesus charged *the lawyers* with doing the opposite of what they claimed their calling to be. Rather than bringing people closer to God, and the *knowledge of God* – they *hindered* the people from understanding the truth.

V53 And as He said these things to them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to assail *Him* vehemently, and to cross-examine Him about many things,

V54 Lying in wait for Him, and seeking to catch Him in something He might say, that they might accuse Him.

They sought to *catch* Him in a mistake so that they *might accuse Him* and destroy Him! They wanted Him out of the way, out of the picture, they hated him!

What they didn’t seem to realize that that Jesus Himself was the One who had personally given the that law to Israel and knew best how to interpret it.