

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 12:1-12

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“CHRISTIAN, WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS...” – PART 2

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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The Lord Never Contradicts His Word
And in The Witness of the Four Gospels

you have several brilliant presentations
that prove that the Lord is real.

- (1) that He is the One communicating to mankind.
- (2) that He will keep His word and,
- (3) that He has left with us the Eyewitness accounts of the Gospels.

Deuteronomy 19:15

...by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter (facts) shall be established.

The Gospels are an Overlay,
One map laid upon another with perfect harmony.

Here in Luke 12
is the Parallel of That Which is Recorded in Matthew 16:1-12 and Mark 8:14-21

But There's a Key Statement Made in Matthew's Account

Matthew 16:2-3

He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, '*It will be fair weather, for the sky is red*'; **3** and in the morning, '*It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.*' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, **but you cannot discern the signs of the times.**

Jesus is Saying That Generations Have “Discernable Events” that speak of *their* days in which *they* live.

Luke Chapter 12 Records the response of Jesus Christ Against the Religious Hypocrite.

Hypocrisy is a Character “Disconnect”
from What Someone Really Is To What They
Have Led You to Believe They Are.

At The Close of Luke 11

Luke 11:53-54

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, :54 lying in wait for Him, and seeking to catch Him in something He might say, that they might accuse Him.

This was/is the mindset and spirit of a Godless, Christ-rejecting age.

They are Literally “Rejecting” the Divine Invitation, Extended by God, Through the Holy Spirit, That Salvation is Thru His Son Jesus Christ.

Jesus Now “Preaches” or Charaz,
the “String the Pearls” of Truth, will the listeners hear it ?

Luke 12:1-3

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Luke 12:4-7

“And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. :5 But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him! :6 “Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. :7 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Luke 12:8-12

“Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God. :9 But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God. :10 “And anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven. :11 “Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. :12 For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

CHRISTIAN, WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS...

1.) Remember – our God is all knowing

v.1-3

The Doctrine of the Final **Judgment** is Taught Here
The Doctrine of the Eternal **Salvation** is Taught Here

1a.) Remember - He knows the heart

v.1-2

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Notice First Off

it is with absolute authority that Jesus Christ speaks of the Divine Nature of God and Attributes of God. The Lord God of the Bible Knows everything.
He cannot learn anything, be taught anything, discover anything.

He “Knows” All
this is the God of the Bible

1 Timothy 1:17

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise,
be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor Jack,
you make it sound like that’s a good thing, that He knows everything about me?

That Is Exactly Correct – *and wants you anyway !*

Jesus Warns Us of The Nature of Hypocrisy.
it’s like leaven, yeast that is hidden inside the batter.

in The Jewish Mind, Leaven is a Symbol of Sin.
From the Exodus to Now, *Yeast is...*

Matthew 13:33

Another parable He spoke to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and **hid** in three measures of meal till it was all leavened.”

But “What” He is Saying is This;
Hypocrisy / Sin, - Spreads Like Sour Dough, Leaven, Yeast.

1 Corinthians 5:6b-7

Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? :7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

Verse 2

For there is nothing **covered** that will not be **revealed**,
nor **hidden** that will not be **known**.

REMEMBER CHRISTIAN – HE KNOWS ALL

1b.) Remember - He knows the life

v.3

Therefore whatever you have **spoken in the dark**
will be **heard in the light**,

Full Disclosure is Meant here.
that sin, disobedience and rebellion will answer.

For The Christian; It's the Bema Where
We will be judged before Jesus Himself.

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. :11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

For The Non-Christian; It's the Great White Throne
Where There We will be NO JESUS there...

That The Unprotected, Unforgiven Sinner Will Stand Before The Lord in The End and
Answer for Themselves...

there will be no tall grass, bushes or secret rooms or chambers.
there will be no one there...

Matthew 12:36

But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak,
they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

REMEMBER CHRISTIAN – HE KNOWS ALL

1c.) Remember - He knows the motive

v.3

and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms
will be proclaimed on the housetops.

this is not a condemnation, rather, He's warning all people to avoid this calamity.

He's Asking Them To "Come Clean" "To Come to The Surface"
or take off the masks and to face who they really were.

Matthew 16:25-26

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. :26
For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man
give in exchange for his soul?

CHRISTIAN, WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS...

2.) Rest – our God is in all places

v.4-7

This Attribute of the God of the Bible is Omnipresence

Think For a Moment,
Isn't That Evidence Seen in the Universe Around Us?

Even Voltaire, The Wretchedly Profane,
Odd Genius that he was, Said;

*"I cannot imagine how the clockwork of the universe
can exist without a clockmaker. ~Voltaire*

2a.) Rest - He's there in the suffering

v.4-5

"And I say to you, **My friends**, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that
have no more that they can do. :5 But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him
who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!

My friends *fi+loß philos, fee'-los*; dear ones, best of friends. my partners or co-labourers. my neighbors.

John 15:13-15

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. **:14** You are **My friends** if you do whatever I command you. **:15** Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you **friends**; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

This Friendship with God is Unlike Any Other Friendship
Possible to Man...

YOUR CREATOR DESIRES
YOUR PRESENCE

He'll be the one to **approach** you // He'll be the one to **initiate** the conversation // He'll be the one to **invite** you in // He'll be the one to **open** your eyes // He'll be the one to **not give up**

This Kind of a relationship results in "**Awe**" or "**Respect**"

Proverbs 9:10

"The **fear** of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom,
And the **knowledge** of the Holy One *is* **understanding**."

Psalms 33:8

Let all the earth **fear** the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in **awe** of Him.

An Awesome Example of This...

Exodus 3:5

(Moses hid his face) "**Do not come any closer**," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

2b.) Rest - He's there in the pain

v.6

"Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins?
And not one of them is forgotten before God."

be careful, the answer is yes and no at the same time !

$\frac{1}{4}$ P. got you 2 sparrows. $\frac{1}{2}$ P. got you 5.
Yes You Got 5 Sparrows for a Half Penny;
But You Only Paid for 4, the 5th was Thrown in, So worthless was a Sparrow.

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us. ~St. Augustine

Matthew 10:31

Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Jesus Christ and His Christianity

holds the highest regard for human life
and the proper regard for animal life.

REST CHRISTIAN – HE'S IN ALL PLACES

2c.) Rest - He's there in the fear

v.7

But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

the average blonde has 145,000 hairs on their head
the average brunette has 120,000 hairs
and the average redhead has 90,000...

Psalms 147:4

He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name.

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Psalms 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

Application

Philippians 4:6-7

Be **anxious** for nothing, but in everything by **prayer** (meditative prayer) and **supplication**, (requests) with **thanksgiving**, (with gratefulness) **let your requests be made known to God**; :7 and the **peace** of God, which surpasses all understanding, will **guard** your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

CHRISTIAN, WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS...

1.) Remember – our God is all knowing v.1-3

2.) Rest – our God is in all places v.4-7

CHRISTIAN, WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS...

3.) Rejoice – our God is all powerful v.8-12

3a.) Rejoice – In His power to save v.8-9

“Also I say to you, whoever **confesses** Me before men, him **the Son of Man** also will confess before the angels of **God**. :9 But he who **denies** Me before men will be **denied** before the angels of God.

confesses

homologeō, *hom-ol-og-eh'-o*; to ascend to, to covenant with or to be in agreement, to say the same thing. to agree on something in absolute unity. to be at one with.

Romans 10:8-11

But what does it say? “*The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): :9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. :10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. :11 For the Scripture says, “*Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.*”

There is a Direct Correlation to Verse 4

“My friends”

Stephen was a Friend of Jesus Christ.

Acts 7:55-56

:55 But Stephan, being full of the **Holy Spirit**, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and **Jesus standing at the right hand of God**, :56 and said, “Look! I see the heavens opened and **the Son of Man** standing at the right hand of God!”

1 Peter 5:12b

...I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you **stand**.

John 14:16

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another **Helper**, (paracletos- one to stand or to be alongside you) that He may abide with you forever—

John 15:11-15

“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full. :12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. :13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. :14 You are **My friends** if you do whatever I command you. :15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; **but I have called you friends**, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

A Christian Will Testify of Jesus Christ,

Luke 9:26

For whoever is **ashamed** of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His *own* glory, and *in His* Father’s, and of the holy angels.

whosoever’s **ashamed** of Me and My words
to avoid, to shrink back, to disconnect, to stay seated.

Jesus will also be **ashamed**

He will avoid you, He will shrink back, He will disconnect, He will stay seated.

Verse 9

But he who **denies** Me before men
will be **denied** before the angels of God.

This “he who denies” is a Terrifying Reality

Greek;

this “deny” means an increasing escalation of rejection or refusing.
to contradict, to argue against, the word suggests a cutting and re cutting of a
wound until it’s numb, without feeling.

Matthew 7:21-23

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. :22 Many will say to Me in that day, “Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?” :23 And then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!”

The Remedy for the Fear of Man;
is the “death of ourselves”

Proverbs 29:25

The fear of man brings a snare,
But he who trusts in the LORD will be exalted.

REJOICE CHRISTIAN – HE’S ALL POWERFUL

3b.) Rejoice – In His power to judge

v.10

:10 “And anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but to him who **blasphemes against the Holy Spirit**, it will not be forgiven.

The Bible teaches That the Holy Spirit is God.

Acts 5:1-4

But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. **:2** And he kept back *part* of the proceeds, his wife also being aware *of it*, and brought a certain part and laid *it* at the apostles’ feet. **:3** But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart **to lie to the Holy Spirit** and keep back *part* of the price of the land for yourself? **:4** While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? **You have not lied to men but to God.**”

you cannot offend a **tree**, insult a **car** or anger **electricity**
The Holy Spirit is The Third Person of Divine Trinity.

Acts 7:51

“*You* stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the **Holy Spirit**; as your fathers *did*, so *do you*.

John 6:63

It is the **Spirit** who gives life

John 3:5-6

Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the **Spirit**, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. **:6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the **Spirit** is spirit. **:7** Do not marvel that I said to you, “You must be born again.”

“What Is Your Final Answer?”

about the Lord Jesus Christ – that will determine
if you have committed the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 9:27

it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

REJOICE CHRISTIAN – HE’S ALL POWERFUL

3c.) Rejoice – In His power to defend

v.11-12

“Now when **they** bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about **how** or **what** you should **answer**, or **what** you should **say**. :12 For the Holy Spirit will **teach** you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

this was a time soon to come to them and us.

it **was** for a time when the Gospel would spread and persecution would arise. it **is** for a time soon **coming for us here in America.**

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

The Persecution That is Coming to the Real American Christian
will be a time like never before seen in this country.

the synagogues;
a house of worship, **the religious**
and magistrates;
the agents of the law, **the police**
and authorities
the system of jurisprudence, **the judges**

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End of Study