

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 13:31-35

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LIVING WITH EXPECTATION

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

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The 1828 Dictionary of the English Language for America,
It's Creator-Author, Noah Webster Defined;

ex·pec·ta·tion

a deep confidence, belief or strong hope that a particular event will take place. to acquire and to maintain a mental discipline regarding an imminent event or a long awaited hope. the living, being or existing with a sense of expectancy.

My soul, wait thou only on God, for my expectation is from him. Psalm 62

Luke 13:31-35

On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, "Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You." :32 And He said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third *day* I shall be perfected.' :33 Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the *day* following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem. :34 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen *gathers* her brood under *her* wings, but you were not willing! :35 Behold! Your house is left to you desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until *the time* comes when you say, "*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!*"

What Transpires Before us Here

is what was earlier declared by Jesus Himself,

Verse 30

And indeed there are last - who will be first, and there are first - who will be last."

That Herod sat in the Place of being “First” He was the Authority.
Herod was Rome to the Jewish Nation at that time. What Herod said and did was as though it was from Caesar himself. Jesus had “Adjusted the Powers of this World” back into Reality when He said...

LIVING WITH EXPECTATION

1.) Seeing God’s plan

v.31-33

1a.) Removes the fear factor against us

v.31

On that **very day** some Pharisees came,
saying to Him, “**Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You.**”

An Act of Manipulation

this was a ploy by the Pharisees to rid themselves of Jesus.
last thing Herod needed was another murder on his hands as he did with John the Baptist. the feigned “tip-off” bounced off of Jesus’ ears. he saw what was going on.

Herod and the Pharisees in League Together

they were seeking to put fear into the heart of Jesus so that He might just move on to some other place.

Proverbs 29:25

The fear of man brings a snare,
But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.

people who are fearful of other people
are easily manipulated and used.

God Doesn’t Want You to be Manipulated Anymore.

when people use you, you’re tired, weakened and destroyed.
when the Lord uses you, you’re energized, strengthened, and encouraged.

I believe that “Fear” will increasingly become the single most powerful temptation in our coming days and years.

We Need to be “Biblical” in the Face of These Threats.

Acts 5:40-42

...now when they had called for the apostles they beaten *them*, and commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. :41 So apostles departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to **suffer shame for His name**. :42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, **they did not cease teaching and preaching** Jesus as the Christ.

SEEING GOD’S PLAN

1b.) Develops the confidence we need

v.32a

And He said to them, “Go, tell that **fox**, ‘Behold, I cast out **demons** and perform **cures** today and tomorrow,

Mark Your Bible Well Here. you won’t see this again.
*this is the one and only place in all the Bible were Jesus expresses
disgust or disdain for a person. – Herod!*

fox

ajlwzphx alopex, al-o’-pakes. an irritant, annoyance. a slippery, cunning, crafty person. a nuisance or troublemaker.

Later: when Jesus is brought before Herod, Jesus will “not answer him a word” showing a complete and total disdain for his person.

**There is nothing worse in life,
than to have God no longer speak to you.**

Wait a Minute: Herod was a Big Deal

“aren’t we supposed to obey the government as Christians? – yes.
but never when that government seats itself as God and rules against God.

That’s when the “Righteousness” of God’s people Arises
and brings into the mind of wicked leaders that they will someday answer
to the King of Kings and Lord of Lord’s – Judge Jesus! (Latimer)

Jesus has Absolute Confidence
being right in the middle of the perfect will of His father.

‘Behold, (or watch me) I cast out **demons**
and perform **cures today** and **tomorrow**,

this “**today**” and “**tomorrow**” is significant.

Jesus is saying *“I’m working at my own pace and on my own schedule and I will not stop until the moment I am done.”*

It’s a Clear Announcement
That Jesus was Sovereign over all that was Going on.

John 10:17-18a

“Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. :18
No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I
have power to take it again...

Ephesians 3:11-12

According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: :12 In
whom we have boldness and access with **confidence**

confidence

pepoi+qhsiß pep’oi’tthesis, *pep-oy’-thay-sis*; total reliance, firm confidence, a full trust.

Galatians 1:15-16

But when it pleased God, who **separated me from my mother’s womb** and called *me*
through His grace, :16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the
Nations,

SEEING GOD’S PLAN

1c.) Keeps the finish line in sight of us v.32b-33

...and the third *day* I shall be **perfected.**’ :33 Nevertheless I **must** journey today,
tomorrow, and the *day* following; **for it cannot be that a prophet should perish**
outside of Jerusalem.

This is NOT directed at Herod, but rather the Pharisees

...I’m not going anywhere until I put an end to all that is needed, then on the third *day*
(not the second, not the fourth) I shall be **perfected.**’ (finished)

Verse 32

...and the third *day* I shall be **perfected**

perfected teleio/w teleioo, tel-i-o'-o; to complete a job or a course. to have accomplished the desired mission. to consummate, to finish, a prearranged task. to seal the deal.

Charles Spurgeon;

“it rightly would be regarded as an undue cruelty to a condemned criminal if each day he was moved a little closer to the gallows.”

yet this is exactly what Jesus both knows and is doing!

His love for us drove Him up on to **the cross!**

Hebrews 2:9-10

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. :10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom *are* all things and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation **perfect** (*the complete, totality needed for saving*) through sufferings. = *the cross*

we get the Greek word, **teleology**, or **teleonomic**, which the successful transfer of information or data bringing about a conclusion. “to get the message across, to deliver the goods – to take a truth and place it in another place.

John 3:12-13

If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? :13 No one has ascended to heaven except **He who came down from heaven**, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

1 Peter 1:18-20

knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, :19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. :20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, **but was manifest** in these last times for you

Mark Your Bible Well Here Also. you won't see this again.

this is a rare, divine sarcasm, a critical indictment against the false leadership of Judaism and the Evil Pharisees.

Verse 33c

for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.

“You came to me warning me about being killed, you’ll see to it that I’m killed just like all the other prophets that have come to Jerusalem.
can anyone imagine a prophet being killed somewhere else?”

An Unbelieving Israel, a Christless **Jerusalem** wounds the Heart of God.

Revelation 11:8

And their dead bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. = **Jerusalem**

2 Chronicles 24:20-21

Then the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, who stood above the people, and said to them, “Thus says God: ‘Why do you transgress the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, He also has forsaken you.’ ” :21 So they conspired against him, and at the command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of the LORD.

LIVING WITH EXPECTATION

2.) Hearing God’s heart

v.34

2a.) His word must be fulfilled

v.34

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her!

Known as the Lamentation of Christ

1 Timothy 2:5-6

For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, :6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be **testified** in **due time**,

Psalms 147:1-3

Praise the LORD! For *it is* good to sing praises to our God; For *it is* pleasant, *and* praise is beautiful. :2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers together the outcasts of Israel. :3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Isaiah 55:10-11

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, :11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

HEARING GOD'S HEART

2b.) His love will never fail

v.34

How often I wanted to gather your children together,
as a hen *gathers* her brood under *her* wings,

in the Jewish mindset, “wings” always reminded them of the cherubim that rested above the mercy seat of the ark of the covenant.

Jeremiah 31:3

The LORD has appeared of old to me, *saying*: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Psalms 17:8

Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,

Psalms 36:7

How precious *is* Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.

Psalms 57:1

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in you my soul takes refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.

Psalms 63:7

Because You have been my help, Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.

Psalms 91:4

He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall trust...

HEARING GOD'S HEART

2c.) His desire is for His children

v.34c

...but you were not willing!

This is one of several verses in the Bible that scholars see the "Exceptional" or the "Father-Heart" of God

there is clear and pronounced emotion from the Lord.

one is in Genesis

Genesis 3:9

Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where *are* you?"

Another is in John

John 1:10-11

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. :11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

LIVING WITH EXPECTATION

3.) Knowing God's timing

v.35

3a.) Means that we can be satisfied

v.35a

Behold! Your **house** is left to you **desolate**;

this was the result of having not recognized the times and the seasons in which they lived.

The word **desolate** means

desolate εἰρημός eremos, er'-ay-mos;

to be left empty, to become a wilderness. to reside in a state of bleakness or wasteness. to be in misery, alone, rendered unhappy.

My Personal Experience @ the moment of Conversion. (never lonely again)

you're to be reading "these days" like you read a book.

(sadly, too many people don't read books anymore – they have the ignor-net)

The Ignor-Net

(the root word for ignorant is to ignore. that's how you become ignorant,
all you have to do is nothing to become ignorant.

we'll never again be empty. we'll never again be lonely,
He'll never desert us, He'll never leave us or forsake us.

KNOWING GOD'S TIMING

3b.) Means that we can be calm now v.35b

...and assuredly, I say to you,
you shall not see Me until **the time comes when you say**,
"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!" "

this is a biblically prophetic word from Jesus.

He's saying that He will not be coming back to Israel, until Israel, as a Nation,
asks Him to come back.

The
"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!" "
Statement is a Messianic Title, Announcement.

Psalm 118:26

Blessed *is* he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

this is a "longing cry" for Him to return!
a lamentation born by "Expectation" - - "Oh Please Lord Come!"

but what does it mean when a Christian says
"Come Now Lord Jesus?" It means to "Welcome in The Christ"

We Can Be Calm Now – Because We Can Say **"I welcome in the Christ"**
can you say right now friend?

there is coming a day when Israel will request His return.

just prior to the second coming (not to be confused with the rapture) Israel will petition the son of David, Jesus, the descendant Jesse to come back to Israel...

Hosea 6:1-2

Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. :2 After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight.

what Will They Say?.. *"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!"*

Then will be fulfilled Zechariah 12:10

"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look upon me, the one they have pierced, (crucified)

Psalm 22:16c

...They pierced My hands and My feet;

Isaiah 53:3

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. :4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. :5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. :6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

KNOWING GOD'S TIMING

3c.) Means that we can be expectant now

v.35c

Behold! Your **house** is left to you **desolate**; and assuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until *the time* comes **when you say**,
"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!"

expectant |ik'spektənt|

adjective

having or showing an excited feeling that something is about to happen, esp. something pleasant and interesting : *an expectant conference crowd.*

• [attrib.] (of a woman) pregnant : *an expectant mother*.

noun archaic

a person who anticipates receiving something, esp. high office.

The New Testament “Ends” with These Words...

Revelation 22:20

He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I Am coming quickly.”
Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:9

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. :14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. :15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. :16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. :17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. :18 Therefore comfort one another with these words. 5:1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. :2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. :3 For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. :4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. :5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. :6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober. :7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. :8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. :9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

I personally, must confess, **EXPECTATION**
is to me one of, if not the most important thing in the Bible for me.

EXPECTATION

drives me to search the scriptures for the “nearing” or the “being” with the Lord.

End of Study _____

