

LUKE 17, Overview:

17:1-4; Jesus *Teaches* His DISCIPLES Life Lessons. For them,

- Temptations to sin will be relentless. (Thus be prepared.)
- Do NOT cause other believers to *stumble*, tempting them to SIN: Especially “Little Ones!” (cf. 18:15)
- They are to “Take heed to themselves!” Or, that is, they are to pay careful attention to their own lives.
- They must forgive others.

17:5-10; Jesus *Teaches* His APOSTLES about Faith and Service

- (vv.5,6), Even little FAITH God can and will work in amazing, unexpected ways!
- (vv.7-10), Concerning Christian service: Don’t expect special praise for merely doing one’s duty, that is, doing what was *expected* of you.

17:11-19; Jesus Begins His **Final Trip** to Jerusalem (After Lazarus raised; And His departure to Ephraim). Thus it’s only weeks before the events of the Passion Week.

17:20-21; Jesus Answers the PHARISEES’ Question about the **Kingdom**

The Kingdom will be for those who are right on the *inside* (cf. Matt. 23:26, see, John 3:3,7; also, note Jesus’ words in v.24, the King and Kingdom will yet come!).

17:22-37; Jesus *Teaches* His DISCIPLES about the **Kingdom**

These verses stress the certainty of judgment and the necessity of being prepared. (Leon Morris)

- It does **NOT** mean that the Kingdom is merely an inward one. It is clearly real, physical, promised, and certain. But NOW it has been postponed. This can be seen in Jesus’ words in vv. 22-32 (esp. 24 and 25)
- But it does mean, however, that the time was NO Longer “NOW.” (i.e., no longer: “*the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.*”). Rather now Messiah must suffer, die and be raised for the redemption of ALL mankind (It also will mark the cessation of the Old Covenant (by His death) and the inauguration of the New Covenant by the blood of the Lamb, raised as head of a NEW humanity comprised of New Creations “in Christ.” (His resurrection the first fruits)!
- The Kingdom will yet come; and the King will come again, but this next time for Judgment and in Power and Great Glory (*see, vv.24-36*).