

KING FOR ALL #46

Luke's Gospel

The Danger of Doing Nothing

Luke 19:11-27



A. SERMON POINTS

1. The Reality of Delay
2. The Variety of Responses
3. The Certainty of Judgement

B. DISCUSSION STARTER

What form of government do you think is the best? Why?

C. FROM THE BIBLE

1. What were the disciples expecting about the Kingdom of God (v11)? What does this story teach about the coming of the Kingdom?
2. What are the various responses to Jesus?
3. What does the story teach about the future judgment? Cf. **1 Corinthians 3:10-15** about differing rewards for Christians.
4. What should we be doing with all that God has graciously given us, including the Gospel?

The “**NOW/ NOT YET**” Kingdom of God

The disciples were expecting an immediate arrival of the Kingdom of God accompanied with the abrupt salvation of all God’s people and the judgment of all God’s enemies. Cf. Acts 1:6

However, this parable tells us there will be a *delay* in the coming of the fulness of God’s Kingdom. The Kingdom of God does arrive with the first coming of Jesus (e.g., Luke 4:43) but only comes in its fulness when Jesus returns.

In the interim, the Kingdom grows as Christians bear witness about Jesus and people repent and follow the King. Cf. Acts 1:8. This interim period in which we live is called the “*now/not yet*” because the Kingdom is here **NOW**, but **NOT YET** in its fulness.

D. IMPLICATIONS FOR ME

1. Have you ever conducted a “gifts audit”? It’s a way of deciding, in fellowship and consultation with others, which gifts each of us have to use for the King. Why not do this in your group?
2. How is the certainty of judgment both a comfort and a warning?
3. Was the third person’s excuse a valid one? On what grounds was he condemned? Would you agree with this statement, “*To go to hell is very easy because you simply have to do nothing.*”

E. PRAYER SUGGESTION



For yourself

Thank God for the opportunity he is giving for people to repent.

Thank God for graciously giving you the gospel and so much more.

Thank God for the certainty and comfort that one day there will be a great Judgment that no one will escape.

Ask God to enable you to put the gospel to work in your life demonstrated by trust in Jesus, faithfulness, service, and integrity.

Ask God to give you opportunities to give this gospel to others.



KIDZ KINGDOM

For our Church

Please pray for our Children's ministries as they teach God's Word in age-appropriate ways. May many children come to know Jesus and grow in Jesus.



For our Gospel partners

Pray for Christ Church Khayelitsha as they proclaim God's Word and reach out to their community. May the Lord guide and bless them in their various ministries.



For the World

Pray for the Digo in Kenya

Pray that God will empower the Kenyan church with the ability to reach the Digo tribe with the gospel. Pray that God will cause the Digo to become dissatisfied with their traditional religions and begin searching for the truth.

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