

# Let's Worship God

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Luke



# THE GOSPEL

## ACCORDING TO LUKE

### **Monday - Luke 10:1-7 - Pilgrims**

When Jesus sends out these men, the first thing He tells them to do is pray. Prayer is one of the best and most powerful means of helping forward the cause of Christ in the world. All believers can pray for the success of the Gospel - and they should pray for it daily. Prayer is one of the principal weapons which the minister of the Gospel should use. He should be praying for the Lord's blessing upon his ministry, that as God's Word goes out, it does not return empty. Above all, we should be praying for helpers to carry on Christ's work. God alone can raise up and send out labourers who will work among souls. We need to be much in prayer for a constant supply of such labourers.

Jesus does not keep back from these men the dangers and trials which are before them. He does not want anyone working for Him under false pretenses. So long as the church exists, believers can expect to be like "lambs among wolves". We must make up our mind that we will be hated, persecuted, and treated unjustly by those who hate God and His people. We must not look for kindness from unbelievers; if we find it, we can thank God for it, but we must not expect it.

Christ expects these men to be thoroughly devoted to their work. Ministers and teachers of the Gospel must be careful of allowing the world to eat up their time and thoughts and to hinder them in their spiritual work. Care about money and too much attention to the things of the world are traps in the way of Christ's labourers. Christ also expects these men to have a simple and contented spirit. These words apply not only to ministers of the Gospel, but to all Christians. We must not care too much about the things of this life, but by our lives make it clear that we are pilgrims on our way home.

### **Questions**

1. What should we be praying for regularly?
2. What kind of treatment can we expect as Christians?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that the Lord would raise up a constant supply of men for ministry.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." Luke 10:2b

**Praise: Psalm 119:Part9 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## **Tuesday - Luke 10:8-16 - Simple Truth**

Our Lord Jesus Christ tells these men to proclaim that the kingdom of God is near. To a well-instructed Israelite, this sounds like an announcement that the time of the Messiah has come, - that the long promised Saviour is about to be revealed. Such an announcement suddenly made by seventy men, evidently convinced of the truth of what they say, travelling over a thickly populated country, can hardly fail to draw attention. But still the message is simple. Simple plain statements, boldly and solemnly made, and made in such a manner that they are evidently felt and believed by him who makes them, seem to have the most effect on hearts.

Jesus also drives home the great sinfulness of those who reject the offer of the Gospel. From those who have enjoyed religious privileges, much will be required. Those who have sat in church, have heard the truth of the Gospel week after week, who have listened to God's Word, but reject Christ in their heart will be judged far more severely than the idol-worshippers of some far away place who have never heard the Gospel. God has called, but they have refused. God has spoken, but they will not listen. Their blood is upon their own heads. We don't have to oppose Christianity or persecute Christians, we only have to remain cold, careless, indifferent, unmoved, and unaffected, and our end will be in hell.

The Lord Jesus puts a great honour upon His faithful ministers. Ministers are Christ's messengers and ambassadors to a sinful world. So long as they do their work faithfully, they are worthy of honour and respect for their Master's sake. Those who despise them, are not despising them, but Christ. Those who reject what they say, are not rejecting them, but their King. The minister who preaches and teaches from the Word of God, keeping back nothing, is one whose words cannot be ignored without great sin.

### **Questions**

1. What were the men told to say?
2. Why will an unbelieving church-goer be judged more severely?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for our minister.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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## **Wednesday -Luke 10:17-20 - Pride**

Christians are so easily puffed up with success. These men that return to Jesus are very pleased with themselves. Christ sees their hearts and reminds them that Satan fell from heaven because of his pride. This warning is for all of us. We all want to see Satan's kingdom destroyed and souls saved. But we must remember that the time of success is a time of danger to our soul. Few men are like Samson, and can kill a lion without telling anyone (Judges 14:6). Most of Christ's workers probably have as much success as their souls can bear. We should pray for humility - especially in time of peace and success. When everything around us seems to be going well, all our plans are working out, our family is well and healthy, and our work is smooth and easy - when everything in our life is like a morning without clouds - that is the time our souls are in danger. That is the time we must be doubly watchful. That is the time the devil sows seeds of evil. There are few Christians who can carry a full cup with a steady hand. There are few whose souls prosper in their days of uninterrupted success.

Christ also teaches that gifts are inferior to grace. Gifts, such as intelligence, good memory, eloquence, ability to debate and reason, are often valued too much both by those who have them and those who don't. Men forget that gifts without grace can save no one's soul. Grace is an everlasting inheritance. He that has gifts without grace is dead in sins, however splendid his gifts may be. But he that has grace without gifts is alive to God, however uneducated and ignorant he may appear to man.

## **Questions**

1. What did Jesus warn these men about?
2. When do we need to be especially on guard?
3. How can we root pride out of our lives?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for humility.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

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### **Thursday - Luke 10:21-24 - Our Great God**

Three times we are told in the Gospels that our Lord Jesus Christ weeps. Only once are we told that He rejoices. What is the cause of our Lord's joy? The conversion of souls. Christ sees much in this world to make Him sad, but when He sees men and women receiving salvation He is glad.

God is sovereign in saving sinners. Why some around us are converted and others remain dead in sins, we cannot possibly explain. We only know that it is so. But God's sovereignty does not destroy man's responsibility. We know that the Judge of all the earth will do what is right, and if we reject Him our blood is on our own heads.

The wisdom of this world often makes people proud, and increases their natural hatred of Christ's Gospel. The man who has no pride or knowledge, or ideas that he is good, to fall back on, has often the fewest difficulties to get over in coming to the knowledge of the truth. We must beware of self-righteousness. To see that we are bad is the first step towards being really good. To feel that we are ignorant is the first beginning of all saving knowledge.

These words of Christ reveal Him as Head over all things, and King of kings. He is one distinct from the Father, and yet entirely one with Him. He is the Mighty Revealer of the Father to the sons of men, as the God who pardons iniquity, and loves sinners for His Son's sake.

### **Questions**

1. Why did Jesus rejoice?
2. What kind of people often have an easier time coming to Christ? Why?
3. Why are we more blessed today than Abraham or David? What do we have that they didn't?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks for God's Word.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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### **Friday - Luke 10:25-28 - Back to the Scriptures**

The motive of this man questioning Christ is wrong, but his question is of the greatest importance. We ought to put this question to ourselves and never rest till we find an answer. Very few people, though, want to think about their souls. They hate the subject. It makes them uncomfortable. For Christians the way of salvation should fill the first place in their minds.

Christ refers the lawyer at once to the Scriptures as the only rule of faith and practice. He sends his questioner to the writings of the Old Testament. The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible should be the rule of our faith and life. With the Bible we travel upon the king's highway. The road may sometimes seem narrow, and our faith may be sorely tried, but we will not make mistakes. Without the Bible we enter on a pathless wilderness. There is no telling what we may be led to believe or do.

The lawyer answers well. He understands what God requires of Him, but in his heart he does not believe. We may know and understand what it means to believe, but we may not believe - our souls may be in the gravest danger. Head knowledge cannot save us.

Do we love God with all our heart, and soul, and strength, and mind? Do we love our neighbour as ourselves? Where is the person that could honestly say, "I do?" The best of us come far short of perfection. Passages like this, should teach us our need of Christ's blood and righteousness. To Him we must go, if we will stand with boldness before God. From Him we must look for grace, that the love of God and man may become the ruling principles of our lives.

### **Questions**

1. What is the lawyer's motive in questioning Christ?
2. Where does Jesus refer him to?
3. How can we inherit eternal life?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the salvation of your family and friends.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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### **Saturday - Luke 10:29-37 - Who is my Neighbour?**

True brotherly love is not a common thing. Both the priest and the Levite are too selfish to offer help to the wounded man. They probably think that they know nothing about this man, that it is probably his own fault that he has got into trouble, that they have no time to stop and help him, and that they have enough to do without bothering about strangers. Selfishness is the leading characteristic of the majority of mankind. That self-sacrificing kindness of heart that cares not what trouble they go to, so long as they can help, is rarely found.

A Christian should be ready to show kindness and brotherly love to everyone that is in need. Our kindness must not merely extend to our families, friends, and relations. We must love all men, and be kind to all, whenever occasion requires. We must be careful not to be too strict in scrutinising the past lives of those who need our help. Are they in real trouble? Do they really want help? Then, we must be ready to help them. We should see the whole world as our parish, and the whole race of mankind as our neighbours. We should work to be the friend of everyone who is oppressed, or neglected, or afflicted, or sick, or in prison, or poor, or an orphan, or starving, or dying. We should use wisdom and common sense, but to be friendly to all men in this way, is to show them Christ.

The Samaritan takes trouble to give this man help. He acts as well as feels. He spares no pains or expense in befriending him. The kindness of a Christian toward others should not be in word and tongue only, but in action. His love should be a practical love, a love which leads to self-sacrifice and self-denial, both in time, money, and trouble.

### **Questions**

1. Why did the priest and Levite pass by?
2. Who should we befriend?
3. Who can you help? How can you help them?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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**God tells us that  
Ezra read from  
the book of the Law  
day after day  
and that  
the people of God  
were filled with joy!**

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