

# DON'T LOOK BACK; DON'T LOSE HEART

Luke 17:20-18:8

The **KINGDOM** of God is **HERE** now

(vv 20-21)

The judgment of God...

...comes in a **FLASH**...when the **TIME** is right

(vv 22-31)

...**SEPARATES** the **FAITHFUL** from the **UNFAITHFUL**

(vv 32-37)

...is the **ANSWER** to the **PERSISTENT PRAYER** of the saints

(vv 18:1-8)



# FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. When you read prophetic judgment passages like Luke 17:20-37 how do you feel? Are you intrigued? Scared? Excited? Confused? Comforted? Why do you think that is?
2. Why do you think that Jesus preaches about the Kingdom of God so often? Why does He continue to reinforce its presence in Luke? Luke 4:43; 6:20; 9:27, 60; 10:9-11; 11:2,20-22; 12:32; 13:18-21; 16:16
3. Read Luke 17:20-23. In what ways are you longing for the Kingdom of God to be complete? What areas of the world around you feel the most broken and in need of redemption? Have you ever been consumed/concerned/excited with end-times prophecies?
4. What do the examples of Noah and Lot tell us about the judgment of God in the days of the Son of Man (Luke 17:26-31)? 1 Thessalonians 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 3:3; Luke 12:35-48
5. Remember Lot's wife. Are there areas of your old life that you look back to? How can you fix your eyes upon Jesus in that area more this year?
6. Read Luke 17:34-37. How does knowing that separation (of faithful from faithful, righteous from unrighteous) is coming in judgment impact you? Does it add any urgency to your evangelistic efforts knowing that when judgment comes, opportunity to repent is gone?
7. Read Luke 18:1-8. How is judgment from God an answer to prayer? How does judgment bring justice for the righteous? What/Who are you discouraged in praying for faithfully? Do Jesus' words to persevere in prayer encourage you to refocus on prayer this year? 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Philippians 4:6; Luke 12:22-34

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