

“Being Prepared for our Inevitable Meeting With our Maker” 4/10/11
Luke 12:49-13:9

Studies in the Parables of Jesus

ILL- STORY OF BROKEN WINDOW- getting ready to go camping

“As the time approached for Him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem” (Luke 9:51 NIV)

Main Point- Since we are all going to die someday we should recognize that we need to settle our account with God through repentance while we have time.

POINT 1- The looming certainty of accountability should evoke RECOGNITION

A. Jesus is warning us to recognize the need for a time of DIVISION
(12:49-53; Micah 7:6; Matthew 10:28-39; Hebrews 4:12)

HONOR KILLINGS; Jesus made it BLACK and WHITE

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.” (Hebrews 4:12-13)

B. Jesus is warning us to recognize the need for a time of DISCERNMENT
(12:54-56; Matthew 16:1-3; Do you take precautions in severe weather?)

_ILL- the Bible is our roadmap.... My race messup

C. Jesus is warning us to recognize the need for a time of DILIGENCE
(12:57-59; Matthew 18:23-35; 25:41, 46; Revelation 20:11-15; Rom 6:23)

Accused of murder? Audited by IRS? Would you be proactive? 3-WHEELER

Going Deeper *God wants each of us to recognize the solution to our sin problem!*

POINT 2- The looming certainty of accountability should evoke REPENTANCE

A. Jesus is warning us that the necessity of repentance has no FAVORITES
(13:1-5; wickedness of man; the “wickedness” of natural disasters)

B. Jesus is warning us that the necessity of repentance includes FRUITFULNESS
(13:6-9; Lev 19:23-25; Luke 3:8; Ephesians 2:10; Galatians 5:22-23)

Going Deeper *God wants each of us to repent as the solution to our sin problem!*

Repent- to change one's way of life as the result of a complete change of thought, attitude, and behavior with regard to sin and righteousness.