

A Summation Of Spiritual Facts

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Luke 12: 49-59

Intro. **A.** The western mind is oriented toward what we believe to be logical conclusions.

1. This was and is a source of pride.
2. Aristotelian logic dominated the world for many centuries. Pure logic, based on a system of mathematics, has given us many modern tools.
3. This is often a problem when working to understand the Jewish mind or thought.

B. In these verses we seem to see a disconnect.

1. There seems to be a lack of context.
2. Jesus teaches these people and us in plain and simple statements.
3. They share a common context, that of truth.

J. Christ And His Teachings Will Be The Source Of Great Pain And Suffering.

A. "I am come to send fire on earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled"?

Vs. 49 1. "Kindled" = "to light up a fire".

2. Jesus knew that His appearance on earth would be the cause of intense emotion.

3. At the time of His speaking, it was burning.

B. Jesus would also suffer greatly.

Vs. 50 1. "straitened" = συγχεω = "to hold together," "to be pressed together causing great pain".

2. Jesus was greatly preassured by the knowledge of His coming crucifixion.

3. He longed for it to be "finished".

III. It Was Not A Time To Become Entangled
In long Drawn-Out Law suits.

A. This was an often evoked saying.

Vs. 58 1. Generally it had to do with collecting a debt.

2. It was better to settle on the way to the court house than to go to court.

Vs. 59 3. Disaster could be the result.

B. It was far better for them to let a debt go and follow Jesus.

1. They could learn of Him.

2. His teachings were of greater value.