

The Time Of God's Vengeance

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LUKE 18:1-8

Intro. **A.** The Pharisees demanded to know when the Kingdom of God should come.

- Vs. 17:20
1. It would not come with close scrutiny.
 2. People would not be saying, "look, look".
 3. It was already in their midst!

B. Jesus then spoke to His disciples.

Vs. 22 1. In the near future they would long to see or experience another day in His presence.

Vs. 25, Vs. 31 2. They were not aware of His suffering when they got to Jerusalem.

C. Jesus then told the disciples when His Kingdom would be established.

1. He would suffer and be rejected.

Vs. 24 2. He then would come as lightning.

Vs. 26-36 3. A great separation would then occur.

4. They wished to know where the "taken ones" would be gathered. "Where, Lord"?

5. Jesus assured them that they would be with Him. Vs. 37, Job 39:27-30

D. Until He came and established it, they would suffer for the kingdom as He had suffered.

21:12 1. They would be persecuted.

21:16a 2. They would be betrayed.

21:16b 3. They would be put to death.

21:17 4. They would be hated.

5. There would be a time of delay before God would judge their enemies. At least until 70 A.D. Luke 21:22. However, They should never cease to pray.

B. The question of deep concern.

1. If God is on their side, if they have suffered for His kingdom, if they have died for His cause, why does He not avenge them.

2. This is the question they might ask God.

C. Compare the Judges.

1. The unjust judge has no character.

2. He does not care about justice.

3. God is the very opposite.

D. The truth they must grasp.

1. If an unjust judge motivated by protecting his own interests would mete out Justice, how much more a righteous judge?

Vs. 7 2. "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him".

"avenge" = ποίεω = "to make", "to do" + ἐκδίκησις = "a revenging", "vengeance".

3. "though he bear long with them"?

"although He delays vengeance on their behalf". - Wey

Rev. 6:9-11 4. John saw this in his vision. ^{opening of} the 5th seal

"Bear long" = μακροθυμέω = "to endure or wait patiently" hence "to delay". It is God's will to delay.

E. At the proper time, Revenge will be instant.

Vs. 8 1. "I tell you that he will avenge them speedily."

"avenge" = ἐκδικέω = "to revenge", "punish."

"speedily" = ἐν = "in" + ταχύς = "quickness", "speed", "swift."

2. "...he will quickly see justice done to..." Moff

III. The Great Concern of Jesus.

A. The great question He asked the disciples.

Vs. 8 1. "when the son of man does come back to the earth will He find the faith on the earth"