

JESUS THE MASTER TEACHER #8 - HE TEACHES ON POSSESSIONS

LUKE 12:13-23

- I. A LESSON TAUGHT TO ALL OF US (vs. 13-15)
 - A. Scene (vs. 1): Jesus teaches GREAT truths (vs. 2-12)
 - 1. A question comes from the crowd (vs. 13)
 - 2. This must have been the younger brother (1/3)
 - 3. Oldest receives a double portion (2/3)
 - B. This man had the opportunity to worship/adore/praise
 - 1. He could have invested in spiritual things
 - 2. But he was instead interested in material things
 - C. Jesus answers (vs. 14) - Not His purpose in ministry
 - 1. Why did He come to Earth? LUKE 19:10
 - 2. Calling reconciling sinners MATT. 9:13
 - 3. Not to condemn but save JOHN 3:17
 - D. Jesus begins teaching on COVETOUSNESS (vs. 15)
 - 1. "An inordinate desire of wealth or avarice."
 - 2. This is a deadly enemy to the child of God
 - 3. Paul deals with covetousness (EPH. 5:1-5)
 - 4. Place affection on things above (COL. 3:1-5)
- II. A LESSON TAUGHT TO THOSE WHO HAVE MUCH (vs. 16-21)
 - A. This CERTAIN rich man was great in his own eyes BUT!
 - B. He was a failure in God's eyes
 - 1. Because he considered only himself (vs. 17-19)
 - 2. Because he made no preparations for eternity
 - 3. Because he did not recognize the real owner!
 - C. GOD Almighty owns the fullness thereof (PSA. 24:1-2)
 - 1. "The state of abounding or being in great plenty" (PSA. 50:10-12)
 - 2. This man left it all behind at his death
 - 3. God calls him a fool.
- III. A LESSON TAUGHT TO THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS (vs. 22-23)
 - A. Unquenchable desire for riches 1 TIM. 6:6-11
 - B. We are not to be overly anxious about material things
 - C. God owns it all - He is our FATHER IN HEAVEN
 - 1. We are His Children
 - 2. We are His Heirs (Joint-Heirs with Jesus)
 - D. God is the Christian's TRUST FUND
 - 1. He supplies all we need AS we need it
 - 2. He will never leave us nor forsake us
 - 3. We must be good stewards 1 COR. 4:2

EPH. 5:1-5 - "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; (2) And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. (3) But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; (4) Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. (5) For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."

COL. 3:1-5 - "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. (2) Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. (3) For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. (4) When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. (5) Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:"

PSA. 24:1-2 - "The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. (2) For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods."

PSA. 50:10-12 - "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. (11) I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. (12) If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof."