

SERMON LISTENING WORKSHEET

Date: June 29, 2025

Passage: Luke 17:20,21

Title: Don't Miss the Moment

Main Idea: This message is about people who missed the monumental moment of God's kingdom arriving in Jesus because of spiritual pride. Their story serves as a warning to us—meant to expose the pride that blinds us to our desperate need for a Savior and to call us to repentance, so we don't miss the profound significance of God's present work through Christ.

Sermon Summary:

The Pharisees asked when the kingdom of God would come, but they were blind to the fact that God's King was already standing right in front of them in the person of Jesus. Rather than providing the obvious signs they expected, Jesus confronted their spiritual pride and exposed their failure to recognise God's present work in their midst. Though deeply immersed in Scripture and religious traditions, they tragically missed this crucial moment because their hearts were not humbled to receive the King.

This response reveals a serious danger: it is possible to be near God's truth and yet resist it. Indeed, God can be doing incredible things through Jesus in this world, and one can still miss it. Luke highlights three manifestations of this pride: a doctrinal resistance to Jesus's claims, a false confidence in their own righteousness that obscured their desperate need for salvation, and a hypocritical religious life focused on external appearances rather than genuine repentance. Each of these remains a significant spiritual threat today.

This passage, therefore, calls for urgent self-examination: Who is Jesus, truly? Do we live as if He is in charge? Is there a real awareness of guilt and desperate need for mercy? Do we truly believe we need a Saviour completely? And is faith rooted in grace or in trying to look good to others, avoiding the idolatry of seeking human approval? The King is still near, and the invitation remains open – to humbly see, repent, and enter the kingdom now. For those who do not miss it, it is an absolute miracle of God's love and grace, preparing them for the day when all will see Him, either with joy or with regret.

Discussion Questions:

- When the Pharisees asked Jesus when the kingdom of God would come, He responded that it was already in their midst. Why was that surprising? How does this differ from what He tells His disciples in Luke 21, and what does that contrast reveal about the spiritual posture of each group? How was this a rebuke of the Pharisees?
- The Pharisees were Bible experts who believed they were waiting for God's kingdom — yet they missed it entirely. What does their response to Jesus show us about how religious familiarity and spiritual blindness can coexist?
- According to the passage and the sermon, spiritual pride was at the root of their blindness. What were the three ways this pride showed up in their lives, and how did it distort their view of Jesus, their understanding of sin, and their approach to religion?
- Jesus warned His disciples to beware of the "leaven of the Pharisees." How might pride, self-righteousness, or a desire for human approval quietly influence our own faith? What are some signs that we might be performing religion more for others than for God?
- The call in this passage is not just to believe correct doctrine, but to respond to the King rightly. What does it practically look like to submit to Jesus' authority in your thinking,

speech, and decisions? And for those who have received Him — what kind of gratitude and joy should that produce?

IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION

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