

Week 36 April 19, 2026: Luke 17, Offenses, 10 Lepers, Second Coming

Luke 17:1-4 Jesus Warns of Offenses (Matt. 18:6-7; Mark 9:42)

Luk 17:1 Then He(Jesus) said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses (stumbling blocks, temptations that lure one to sin) should come (or are sure to come), but woe (judgment) to him through whom they do come (does the tempting)!"

1Cor 11:19 For there must also be factions (heresies) among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you.

2Thes 1:6 since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation (affliction) those who trouble you,

Don't lead a brother or sister into sin by your "liberty" (Rom 14:13)

1John 2:10 He who loves his brother (or sister) abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.

Luk 17:2 "It would be better for him, if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones (cause to stumble, sin and lose their way in faith)

Millstone. A round stone used for grinding grain, weighing hundreds of pounds, powered by a donkey walking in circles to crush the grain.

Little ones: Those who are babes in Christ or those who have begun to follow him

Luk 17:3 "Take heed to yourselves (look out for one another). If your brother (fellow believer, brother or sister) sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.

When someone sins against you, you should not pretend that it never happened. You need to take it to the Lord in prayer and forgive or rebuke that believer in love and in the spirit.

Pro 10:12 Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins.

Pro 17:9 He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends.

Pro 17:10 Rebuke is more effective for a wise man Than a hundred blows on a fool.

Pro 9:8 Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you; Rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.

Pro 9:9 Give instruction (correction) to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

Eph 4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

Eph 4:2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

Eph 4:3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Eph 4:15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ--

Luk 17:4 "And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall (you must) forgive him (give up resentment and give it to the Lord)."

This is not natural for humans.

I might naturally think that they were not really sincere. Yet Jesus commands me to still forgive them and restore them. Remember God has forgiven you over and over.

Mat 18:21 Then Peter came to Him(Jesus) and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

Mat 18:22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

Luke 17:5-10 Faith and Duty (Matt. 17:19-21; Mark 9:28-29)

Luk 17:5 And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith (show us how we can increase our confidence in trusting God and His power)."

Luk 17:6 So the Lord said, "If you have faith (which is in agreement with the will of God) as a mustard seed (which is very small), you can say to this mulberry tree (or sycamine tree which has strong roots), 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

What matters most in faith is the object of our faith (God not us).

Jhn 15:7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

Rom 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

We have to be reminded God is fully capable of doing what man thinks is impossible:
Mark 14:36; James 4:3

Luk 17:7 "And which of you, having a servant (or bondservant) plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down (Lit: recline) to eat'?"

Luk 17:8 "But will he not rather say to him(servant), 'Prepare something for my supper (get my dinner ready), and gird yourself (appropriately clothe yourself for service) and serve me, till I have eaten and drunk (drank), and afterward you will eat and drink'?"

Luk 12:37 (**Jesus said**) "Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them.

Luk 17:9 "Does he (his boss) thank, that servant, because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. (We are unworthy servants, fallen short)

Believers should acknowledge that God owes them nothing and that they owe God everything, even their lives.

1Cor 4:7 For who makes you differ from another? (**Nothing**) And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it (**from God**), why do you boast as if you had not received it?

Luk 17:10 "So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded (assigned, paid to do), say, 'We are unprofitable servants (not deserving of special praise). We have done, what was our duty to do.' "

Rom 3:12 They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one."

Luke 17:11-19 Ten Lepers Cleansed By Jesus

Luk 17:11 Now it happened as He(**Jesus**) went to (**toward**) Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of (**along the border, between**) Samaria and Galilee.

Luk 17:12 Then as He(**Jesus**) entered a certain village, there met Him, ten men who were lepers (**skin diseases, see Lev 13**), who stood afar off (**at a distance, Num 5:2-4**).

Lev 13:46 "He(**Leper**) shall be unclean. All the days he has the sore he shall be unclean. He is unclean, and he shall dwell alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp.

Luk 17:13 And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

Luk 17:14 So when He(**Jesus**) saw them, He said to them, "**Go, show yourselves to the priests (Lev 14:2-32)**." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed (**miraculously healed**). (**Notice they had to obey the command to go to the priests before they were actually healed**).

Luk 17:15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified (**praised and honored**) God,

Correlation:

Luk 5:23 (Jesus said)"Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise up and walk'?

Luk 5:24 "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"--He said to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

Luk 5:25 Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

Luk 5:26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!"

Luk 18:41 saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight."

Luk 18:42 Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well."

Luk 18:43 - And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him(Jesus), glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Luk 17:16 and fell down on his face at His(Jesus) feet, giving Him thanks (over and over). And he was a Samaritan (Samaritans and Jews usually despised each other).

Luk 17:17 So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the (other) nine (which I healed)?****

Luk 17:18 "Were there not any found (any others) who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner (Samaritan)?"****

Luk 17:19 And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well (The healing here was more than physical but because of your personal trust in Me and your confidence in God's power, He has saved you and restored you to health).**"**

Luke 17:20-37 The Coming of the Kingdom (Gen. 6:5-8:22; 19:12-14) Second Coming Foretold (The Coming of the Son of Man)

Luk 17:20 Now when He(Jesus) was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He(Jesus) answered them (Pharisees) and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation (kingdom of God is not something that can be observed by visible signs or speculations, but quietly seen by changed lives);****

Luk 17:21 "nor will they say, 'See (or look) here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you (in your midst, or within your grasp because of My presence).**"**

Rom 14:17 for the kingdom of God is not eating (food) and drinking (what one likes), but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

The kingdom of God is in the midst of you, in the person of Jesus and in the reign of God

Luk 17:22 Then He(Jesus) said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will desire to see (even) one of the days of the Son of Man (title Jesus used for himself), and you will not see it.

Mat 9:15 And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.

Luk 17:23 "And they will say to you, 'Look (the Messiah is) here!' or 'Look (He is) there!' Do not go after them or follow them.

Believers should not follow people who claim that Jesus has come in a secret way

Mat 24:23 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it.

Mat 24:24 "For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

Luk 17:24 "For as (or just like) the lightning, that flashes out of one part under heaven shines, to the other part under heaven (sky), so also (visible will) the Son of Man will be in His day.

Luk 17:25 "But first He(Son of Man, Jesus) must suffer many things (suffer terribly) and be rejected (as the Messiah) by this generation (unbelieving generation).

Luk 17:26 "And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of (the second coming of) the Son of Man:

Gen 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Gen 6:7 So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

Gen 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Gen 6:13 And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

This is the second coming which is just before beginning of the Millennial kingdom when Christ returns physically and rules on earth

Luk 17:27 "They (the people) ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage (life as normal without God), (right up) until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

The people of Noah's time were living lives completely ignoring God, without any concern or fear that their sins would bring down on them the judgment of God

Luk 17:28 "Likewise (Lit: same way) as it was also in the days of Lot (Gen 19): They (the people) ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted (farmed), they built (life and business as usual, without regard for God and their sins);

Luk 17:29 "but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone (burning sulfur) from heaven and destroyed them all.

Luk 17:30 "Even so will it be in the day (Lit: according to the same things) when the Son of Man (title for Jesus) is revealed.

Luk 17:31 "In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them (don't pack or get your belongings) away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back (return home for anything).

Luk 17:32 "Remember Lot's wife (when she looked back, don't look or go back).

Her death is an example of God's quick judgment on those who do not obey God

Luk 17:33 "Whoever seeks to save his life (soul) will lose it (eventually through death), and whoever loses (lets go of, surrenders) his life (in this world) will preserve it (save it from the consequences of sin and separation from God).

Luk 17:34 "I tell you, in that night (that the Messiah comes again) there will be two men (people sleeping) in one bed: the one will be taken (away in judgment, non-believer) and the other will be left (the believer).

This is not the sudden catching up (or rapture) of believers as described in 1 Thes 4:13-18 when Christ returns in the air and gathers believers to be with Him.

The believers that are left, will be with Christ on the earth and will join Him in the Millennium.

Luk 17:35 "Two women will be grinding together (at the mill): the one will be taken (the non-believer to judgement) and the other left (the believer) (compare Matt 24:40-41).

Luk 17:36 "Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left." (Several variations among these witnesses)

Luk 17:37 And they answered and said to Him (Jesus), "Where, Lord?" So He (Jesus) said to them, "Wherever the body is (carcasses are), there the eagles will be gathered together."

Rev 19:17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,

Rev 19:18 "that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."

Eze 39:17 "And as for you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Speak to every sort of bird and to every beast of the field: "Assemble yourselves and come; Gather together from all sides to My sacrificial meal Which I am sacrificing for you, A great sacrificial meal on the mountains of Israel, That you may eat flesh and drink blood.

Quote from Pastor Chuck Smith

Let me say that right off, there are two major interpretations of this passage which are diametrically opposed to each other. In one interpretation of this passage, those who are taken are the blessed ones (**raptured, allegorical**). Where those that are left are those who will be facing the Great Tribulation, the judgment of God that is coming upon the earth. That is one of the interpretations.

The other interpretation is that those who are taken are taken to judgment. So exactly opposite interpretations. And that those that are left are those that are blessed. So you have exactly opposite interpretations.

For they say when the disciples asked, Where, Lord? That is, where are they taken? One will be taken, the other left. Where, Lord? He said, Wherever the body is, there will the eagles be gathered together. And they relate that to a proverb concerning the body and vultures. Wherever a dead body is, or carcass there the vultures are gathered together. And to the book of Revelation where the birds are invited to come and feast on the bodies of men at the great battle of Armageddon. The word for eagles is aetos. It isn't really the word for vulture.

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Extra Scriptures: