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Luke 11-12

Ch 11

Theme –Disciples ask the Lord to teach them how to pray; pray with audacious confidence; pray with expectancy; pray trusting in the goodness of God; Lord accused of casting out demons by power of Satan; others demand a sign; Lord points out illogical nature of Satan tearing down his own house; the strong man overcome by the Strongest Man & left weak; because Lord is the strongest, we are only safe if He dwells within us; blessed is the one who hears the Lord's word & does them (James 1:22); a wicked generation demands a sign (reference to v16; Gentiles who responded to lesser messages will judge the generation who saw & rejected the Lord; lamp that the Lord lights (sign of Jonah); if you see the Lord Jesus clearly, you will be filled with light; Lord again invited to a meal at a Pharisee's house; hypocrisy of the Pharisees; 6 Woes (3 to Pharisees & 3 to Lawyers/ Scribes); rather than repent, become even more hostile to Jesus

Ch 12

Theme – Beware of the leaven (hypocrisy) of the Pharisees; their hypocrisy will be revealed; don't fear the religious leaders or opinion of men, fear the Lord (not in terror but in obedience & consideration); don't be afraid because the Lord cares about you; don't blaspheme the Holy Spirit; don't be afraid because the Holy Spirit will teach you what to say; Lord didn't come to be a arbitrator over temporal, perishable concerns; Parable of the Rich Fool; life is more than food or clothing; do not worry (preoccupied to point of distraction) for our Father knows what we need; seek first (be focused on) our Father's Kingdom; do not be fearful for our Father GLADLY gives the Kingdom to us (as partakers); store up treasures in heaven that never go away; always be ready for the return of the Master; blessed are the servants who are found faithful when Master returns; the Master serves the servant! (not because we are worthy, because He is so generous to us); always be ready because we don't know the hour of His return; this admonition for all servants; blessed is the faithful servant; the unfaithful servant focuses on this age (opposite of v23); punishment corresponds to revelation received; coming fire that judges; Lord must endure cross first (to provide salvation before judgment comes); Lord is distressed until the cross is accomplished; the Lord brings division (each person must choose to embrace or reject Jesus); people strongly exhorted to know the "time of their visitation" (Lk 19:44); since you know judgment is coming & you are guilty; make peace with your opponent before you reach the judge