

CHAPTER 12

IN the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, inso-much that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

2 For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.

3 Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

4 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

6 Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?

7 But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

8 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God:

9 But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.

10 And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.

11 And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say:

12 For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

13 ¶ And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

14 And he said unto him, Man,

who made me a judge or a divider over you?

15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, *and* be merry.

20 But God said unto him, *Thou* fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

21 So *is* he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

22 ¶ And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye

shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

23 The life is more than meat, and the body *is more* than raiment.

24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?

26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?

27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more *will he clothe* you, O ye of little faith?

29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.

30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

31 ¶ But rather seek ye the king-

dom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

33 Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.

34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

35 Let your loins be girded about, and *your* lights burning;

36 And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

37 Blessed *are* those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants.

39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known

what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

41 ¶ Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?

42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom *his* lord shall make ruler over his household, to give *them* *their* portion of meat in due season?

43 Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

45 But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared

not *himself*, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*.

48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few *stripes*. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

49 ¶ I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?

50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!

51 Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division:

52 For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three.

53 The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

54 ¶ And he said also to the people, When ye see a cloud rise out of

the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is.

55 And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass.

56 Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?

57 Yea, and why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right?

58 ¶ When thou goest with thine adversary to the magistrate, *as thou art* in the way, give diligence that thou mayest be delivered from him; lest he hale thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and the officer cast thee into prison.

59 I tell thee, thou shalt not depart thence, till thou hast paid the very last mite.

CHAPTER 13

THERE were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?

3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

6 ¶ He spake also this parable; A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.

7 Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?

8 And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:

9 And if it bear fruit, *well*: and if not, *then* after that thou shalt cut it down.

10. And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

11 ¶ And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up *herself*.

12 And when Jesus saw her, he called *her to him*, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

13 And he laid *his* hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.

15 The Lord then answered him, and said, *Thou* hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or *his* ass from the stall, and lead *him* away to watering?

16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

17 And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

18 ¶ Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I resemble it?

19 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of

the air lodged in the branches of it.

20 And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God?

21 It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

22 And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.

23. Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them,

24 ¶ Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:

26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.

27 But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall

see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you *yourselves* thrust out.

29 And they shall come from the east, and *from* the west, and from the north, and *from* the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.

30 And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

31 ¶ The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee.

32 And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third *day* I shall be perfected.

33 Nevertheless I must walk to day, and to morrow, and the *day* following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.

34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen *doth gather* her brood under *her* wings, and ye would not!

35 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say

unto you, Ye shall not see me, until *the time* come when ye shall say,

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Chapter 12 contains the parable of the rich fool. The lesson found here can be of great benefit to us today. In the hustle and bustle of today's society, men are much more concerned about themselves and their possessions than they are about God. There are people who worry about food, clothing, and other material things, while God is asking us to consider the lilies of the fields and how they grow. They toil not, yet God cares for them.

Verse 31 says, "But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you." If God cares for the lilies, the grass, and the ravens, how much more He must care for us! If every Christian would learn to really trust God with his entire life, then God could make something wonderful of that life. But all too often we try to take control and direct our own steps, rather than letting God have His way. To have a successful Christian life, we must submit ourselves to the leadership of the Holy Spirit; we must, by faith, seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Then we can rest assured that all our needs will be supplied.

Chapter 13:3,5 contains God's prerequisite for salvation. These verses tell us that unless we repent we shall all perish. Repentance is a definite part of salvation. In Acts 20:21 we read of the Apostle Paul testifying to both the Jews and Greeks that they should repent and have faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus put so much emphasis upon repentance that we must realize its necessity for salvation. Many people today have repentance confused with confession. Confession is the act of admitting to being wrong. Repentance goes a step further. Not only is wrongdoing admitted to God, but repentance means turning away from that wrong, turning to God, and asking for forgiveness. Jesus says that sin must not only be confessed; but a person must turn away from that sin and turn to God, asking His forgiveness, in order to receive salvation.

Many people whom I have met have said of the many times they have confessed their sin to the Lord. They did not realize they could not get peace in their hearts, because they did not know they must go a step further than confession in order to be forgiven of their sins.

After repentance we must place our faith and trust in Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour. What is

faith? Hebrews 11:1 tells us that "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." In other words, Bible faith is believing what God has said concerning His Son, and trusting Him for salvation. Christ died on the cross that we might not be condemned. When we are willing to come to Him, in faith believing, He will give us everlasting life. Jesus says in John 6:37, "...and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." We must have faith in this promise; we must believe it in order for it to be applied to our lives.

The world today is searching for peace in many different ways. The only way to real peace and happiness is through Jesus Christ. Romans 10:13 says, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Salvation is a gift. It is my prayer that you have received Christ as your personal Saviour. If you have not, won't you believe His Word and trust in Him today? Won't you, just now, acknowledge your sins to God; turn away from those sins, and turn to Him for forgiveness and trust in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross for your salvation? This is the way to happiness! This is the way to everlasting joy and peace! Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me." Do you have peace in your heart? If not, my prayer for you is that you will ask Christ to come into your life.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"He that trusteth in his riches shall fall; but the righteous shall flourish as a branch" (Proverbs 11:28).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 34: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 10.

BIRTHDAY TODAY

CELESTINE GAITHER

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1858

THE BIRTHDAY OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Theodore Roosevelt was one of the great Presidents in the history of our nation. Let us pause to thank God for him and the great presidents God has given America. Then let us pause today and thank

God for our own President and pray God's blessings upon him as he faces the decisions and crisis of this strategic age. Let us pray for wisdom from the Heavenly Father for those who lead us today.

1924

THE OPENING OF THE NEW YORK SUBWAY.

Let us thank God today for our public conveyances and for our transportation system. Let us thank Him for our cars, for the trains, for public transportation, for the airlines, the buses, etc. These are days of wonderful opportunity for travel. My, how we ought to thank God for the transportation of our day. Let us pause and thank God for the wonderful conveniences and for the blessings of living in this generation.

**ON THIS DATE IN
AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY**

1927

Ruby Dee born.

1954

B.O. Davis Jr. became the first black general in the U.S. Air Force.

1960

Martin Luther King Jr. released on bond from the Georgia State Prison in Reidsville. Political observers said the Kennedy call increased the number of black voters who insured his election.

1978

President Carter signed Hawkins-Humphrey full employment bill.

1981

Andrew Young, Former UN Ambassador, elected mayor of Atlanta.

A Christian Life . . .

C.T. STUDD (1860-1931)

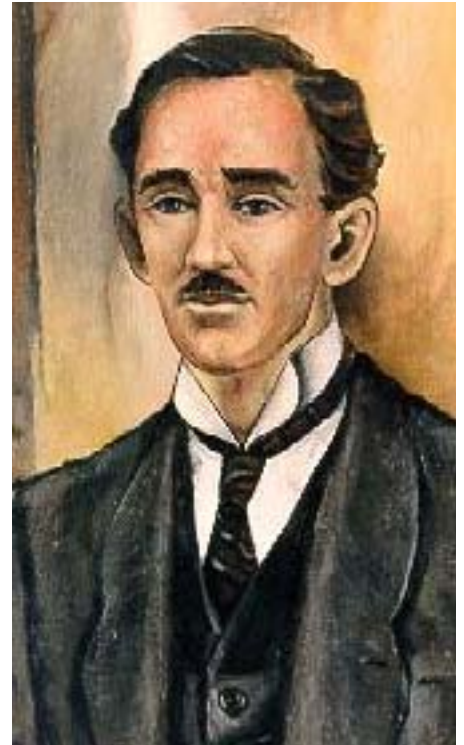
English missionary. C.T. Studd was the son of a wealthy man, Edward Studd, who was converted to Christ under the ministry of Dwight L. Moody in 1877. Young C.T. Studd became an excellent cricket player, and at the age of 19 was captain of the team at Eton. He attended Cambridge University from 1880 to 1883, and, while he was there, he also heard Dwight L. Moody preach and was converted to Christ.

Shortly afterwards, he and six other students dedicated their lives and their wealth to the Lord Jesus Christ and offered themselves to Hudson Taylor for work in China. They sailed to China in 1885. In 1888 Studd married. He continued to work for several years before bad health forced him and his wife to return to England, where they turned over all their property to the China Inland Mission.

Studd and his wife began to tour the world in order to raise funds for missions. While in southern India, on one of those tours, he found a suitable climate for him and his wife. He served there six years, after which time he returned to England to make plans to go to Africa.

In December of 1912 he left his family and was gone for two years in evangelistic work on the Dark Continent. He returned home for a short time, and then once again went back to Africa for five more years. Mrs. Studd did not join him until 1928, one year before she died.

Studd died in Malaga, Africa, in 1931.



Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION:

Divine inspiration evident in that the scriptures correct those who are trapped in error.

A. THE ERROR OF BEING SAVED BY LIVING A RIGHTEOUS LIFE

(Assignment 34)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV page.)

() Matthew 5:20

For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

() Luke 16:15

And he said unto them, yet are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

() Galatians 3:10

For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

() Ephesians 2:8

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

() Ephesians 2:9

Not of works, lest any man should boast.