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***A CHANGE OF PERSPECTIVE***

Luke 17:20-37

- I. Living in the world with a Kingdom perspective. (20 - 21)
  - A. “Thy Kingdom come ... Thy will be done...”
  - B. “The Kingdom of God is within you” (Historically ... all of Israel’s history points to the Kingdom of God.)
- II. Everyone will recognize the Kingdom when it comes... (22- 37)
  - A. As noticeable as a flash of lightening across the whole sky. (22-25)
  - B. It will come during the routine of living. (26-29)
    1. Noah was aware and entered the ark. (26-27)
    2. Lot was aware and left Sodom. (28-29)
  - C. It will come suddenly with no notice. (30-37)
    1. Everything in this life will become insignificant. (30-32)
    2. Being with ‘Kingdom bound’ people is nor sufficient. (33-35)
    3. Yet, the ‘signs’ are evident to all. (37)
- III. Application:
  - A Kingdom Focus ... helps to prioritize everything else in this life.
    - A. We begin to understand the significance of the King.
    - B. We become more and more aware of the temporary nature of our world.
    - C. We are motivated to live for those things that are eternal.

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The Call to Worship          Psalm 100

P: <sup>1</sup>Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

C: <sup>2</sup>**Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

P: <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

C: <sup>4</sup>**Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.**

P: <sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

\*Hymn No. 381          *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth  
Thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God,  
Thy will to see; open my eyes—illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth  
Thou sendest clear; and while the wave-notes  
fall on my ear, ev'rything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God,  
Thy will to see; open my ears—illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth  
ev'rywhere. Open my heart and let me prepare –  
love with Thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God,  
Thy will to see; open my heart—illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

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Scripture Reading          Luke 17:20-37

<sup>20</sup> Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, “The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, <sup>21</sup> nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is within you.”

<sup>22</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it.

<sup>23</sup> Men will tell you, ‘There he is!’ or ‘Here he is!’ Do not go running off after them. <sup>24</sup> For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. <sup>25</sup> But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

<sup>26</sup> “Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. <sup>27</sup> People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.

<sup>28</sup> “It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. <sup>29</sup> But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

<sup>30</sup> “It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. <sup>31</sup> On that day no one who is on the roof of his house, with his goods inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. <sup>32</sup> Remember Lot’s wife! <sup>33</sup> Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. <sup>34</sup> I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>35</sup> Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left.”

<sup>37</sup> “Where, Lord?” they asked.

He replied, “Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather.”

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\*Hymn *As the Deer*

Verse 1

As the deer panteth for the water, So my soul longeth after Thee  
You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship Thee

Chorus

You alone are my strength my shield,  
To You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee

Verse 2

You're my friend, And You are my brother,  
Even though You are a King, I love You more than any other,  
So much more than anything

Chorus

Verse 2

I want You more than gold or silver, Only You can satisfy  
You alone are the real joy giver, And the apple of my eye

Chorus

Offering of Thanks and Praise

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 410 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (vs. 1)

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine;  
Now hear me when I pray, take all my sin away;  
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

Sermon Continued

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refrain

**Refrain:** *On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

\*Postlude