

We will now begin the twelfth lecture on the gospel of Luke. /At this time we will begin with Luke chapter 12. /In verses 1-2, it says to beware of yeast. /Jesus healed sicknesses and preached the gospel. /There was a lot of opposition by the Pharisees, but there were still a lot of people who gathered before Jesus.

/In verse 1, Jesus told the disciples to be on guard against the yeast of the Pharisees. /The yeast of the Pharisees symbolizes hypocrisy and ritualism. /In Matthew 16:11-12, /it says the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees is the yeast.

/In Galatians 5:9, it says a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough. /In 1 Corinthians 5:6, /it says that yeast is sin and ritualism. /Just as yeast spreads through a whole batch of dough, /wrong teachings and ritualism corrupt the pure gospel.

/That is why yeast must be removed. /Even a little bit of yeast can corrupt the movement of the truth. /Therefore, it is important that all yeast be removed from believers and from the church.

/In verse 2, it says that everything will be revealed. /It is not important whether or not people see us and compliment us. /It is the truth and life inside that are important. /These things will be made known.

/That is why believers must understand the correct truth and there must be works of life. /We must have an upright relationship with God. /It is also important that we build our personalities. /The things that are done for others to see is hypocrisy. /This is fooling oneself.

/In verses 3-12, /it says do not be afraid of persecutions. /It tells us not to be afraid even if we face hardships and persecutions. /We must maintain the chastity of our faith. /The dark refers to inner rooms.

/We must take the things that we learn in the inner rooms, and preach God's Word to the bright world. /We must take the truth that we realized with our spiritual ears in the inner rooms, /and we must preach it on the rooftops for many people to hear.

/In verse 4, Jesus called the people His friends. /This means that the Lord is pleased when we participate in God's works. /How thankful and honorable we should be for this.

/Jesus said, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more." /No one can kill the life of the flesh if God does not allow it. /Martyrdom is in God's hands.

/God has the authority to kill man and send him to hell for eternity. /Therefore, we must truly be afraid of God. /This life is for a moment but the afterlife is forever. /We must not be afraid when we face sufferings, but we must hold on to God's Word until the end.

/In verse 6, Jesus said, "Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies?" /This explains

God's careful protection. /Two pennies, also known as two assaria, is a unit of currency. /Two assaria is 1/16 of one denarius. /It is the smallest amount of a coin.

/Sparrows are also small birds. /God protects the cheapest and weakest animals. /We must believe in God's absolute sovereignty. /We must believe in God's absolute sovereignty /and keep our faith no matter what difficulties we face.

/God protects the hair on our heads. /He counts the minutest parts of us, /and controls and reigns over us. /That is why we must not be afraid of people. /We must believe in God's sovereignty, /live by God's Word, and protect our faith.

/In verse 8, Jesus said that believers must not disown Jesus before others /in times of difficulties. /Believers must keep their faith even in the midst of difficulties. /We must boldly testify to Jesus Christ even if someone tries to kill us.

/Then, Jesus will acknowledge us in the kingdom of heaven. /However, if believers abandon their faith so that they could live longer on this earth, /Jesus will not acknowledge them in heaven. /Whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will be accused of interfering with the Holy Spirit.

/Whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit /will sin by not believing in Jesus until he dies. /We believe in Jesus through the Holy Spirit. /Whoever does not believe until he dies is against the Holy Spirit. /He will not receive forgiveness of his sins. /He is not chosen.

/If we temporarily interfere with the works of the Holy Spirit, /but repent and believe in Jesus, we will not have sinned against the Holy Spirit.

/In verse 11, /Jesus said, when they were brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities because of persecutions and sufferings, /they were not to be afraid or worry about what they would say. /This is because God would be with them.

/Our lives are under God's absolute sovereignty. /The Holy Spirit also tells us what to say. /Believers receive guidance of the Holy Spirit. /Believers must use the conscience of their faith and say "yes" to what is right, /and "no" to what is wrong.

/When we follow the Holy Spirit's guidance, /the Holy Spirit will teach us what to say. /When believers worry about what they should say, /they will use humanly ways and thoughts.

/Verses 13-21 /speak of the rich fool. /In verse 13, /one man came before Jesus and said his brother received his father's inheritance. /It seems that he did not receive anything.

/Therefore, he came before Jesus asking for a share of the inheritance. /This man did not understand Jesus when he said this. /It is important that inheritance disputes are fairly settled. /It is good to fairly distribute one's inheritance.

/However, this was not Jesus' job to do. /Jesus came to die on the cross and accomplish redemption, /and forgive sins and save dead spirits /so that He would take them up to heaven. /Social salvation /and Christian socialism are wrong. /However, Christianity is a religion that saves spirits. /We believe in an afterlife.

/In verse 15, /Jesus taught us what it is to be foolish. /Jesus said that we must get rid of greed. /Man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. /Thus, the Lord pointed out the foolishness of the man who wanted riches.

/Man does not live on materials. /Man lives in God. /The people of the world think that they need materials. /Thus, they fight and quarrel because of materials. /However, that is not the road to life, but the road to death.

/In verse 16, the Lord told the parable of the rich fool. /A rich man had a good harvest and gathered an abundance of crops. /He wanted to build bigger barns for his crops.

/The rich fool told himself this. /In verse 19, he said, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." /This man wrongly thought that his soul would live in peace with his materials.

/He did not understand that he could not be happy forever with his materials. /He did not understand that life is in God. /Thus, God called this man a fool.

/Why did God call him a fool? /First, the man did not know that man's life is in God's hands. /Second, he thought that his life was in his materials. /He considered physical life more important than life of the soul.

/This man did not prepare for the afterlife. /He lived for the life that would soon disappear. /Fifth, he did not believe in God's sovereignty, but tried to be his own master. /Sixth, he did not live for God, but lived for himself.

/God said, "This very night your life will be demanded from you." /If God calls a soul tonight, that person's will physically die. /No matter how much possessions one has, he has to leave it all behind when he leaves this world.

/However, whoever does not think about God taking his life, /but lives like this is foolish. /Whoever stores up riches for himself /and is not rich towards God are like the rich fool.

/Those who are rich towards God /are those who are mature in the truth and spirit. /They are those who store their treasures in heaven. /In 16:9, whoever gains friends through unjust ways are those who are not rich towards God.

/In verses 22-31, /Jesus told us not to worry, but seek his kingdom. /In verse 22 it says that people worry about what to eat, what to wear, and about life. /Everyone knows that life is more important than food.

/If life is in God's hands, would he not give us the things we need to maintain life? /Our lives are from God. /God gave us life so that we could live.

/Those who realize this must not worry about what to eat. /Everyone knows that the body is more important than clothes. /God gave us our bodies, so wouldn't he give us the clothes we need for our bodies?

/God protects our bodies, and so wouldn't he give us the clothes that our bodies need? /Those who realize this do not worry about clothes, but they serve God. /God created us and so he gives us food to eat.

/God gave us bodies, and so he gives us clothes to wear. /Therefore, we must believe in the Lord and go forward in faith. /Jesus spoke about the ravens. /Ravens do not sow or reap, /and they do not store food in grains, but God gives them food to eat.

/When God made birds, he made food for them as well. /Therefore, wouldn't he give us believers food to eat and clothes to wear? /In Matthew 6:26, Jesus said to look at the birds of the air.

/Birds fly around to find food. /This means that everyone must work hard so that they can eat. /God will provide food to eat /if people work hard as birds do.

/In verse 25, /Jesus said, "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" /We cannot accomplish anything by worrying. /God must make it happen.

/That is why we must not worry, /but keep our faith and work hard. /Then, God will provide us with everything we need. /We must leave all results to God /and we learn to be content with what God gives us.

/In verse 27, Jesus said, "Consider how the lilies grow." /However, not even Solomon in all his splendor /was dressed as beautifully as the lilies. /Lilies have scent and life. /However, Solomon's clothes did not have scent or life.

/In this way, God clothes the grass of the field, /which will be thrown into the fire tomorrow. /However, if God gave us life, wouldn't he clothe us even more?

/If we keep our faith well, God will clothe us with good things. /Lilies work hard. /Their roots absorb nutrients from the ground. /Then the nutrients are sent through the stem into the leaves.

/The leaves receive plenty of nutrients from air and the sun. /It also sends nutrients back down to its roots. /In this way, those who work hard in their work /will have food and clothes.

/In verse 29, /Jesus said, do not worry about what to eat or wear. /This is because God

knows everything that believers need. /God gives us the things we need even if we do not ask for them. /Pagans seek food to eat and clothes to wear, /but believers do not.

/In verse 31, Jesus said, “But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.” /Believers must seek God’s kingdom and his righteousness. /God’s kingdom is God’s reign.

/God’s righteousness /is the things that are right before God. /We must find what is right in the Bible. /We must find what is right through the Holy Spirit. /We must find what is right through the conscience of faith.

/Then, God said that all these things would be given to us as well. /These things are food and clothes. /When believers seek his kingdom and his righteousness, /the Lord will give us more food and clothes.

/That is why believers must not worry about what to eat or what to wear, /but God will give us everything we need /when we seek his kingdom and his righteousness.

/In verses 32-34, /Jesus said, “Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out.” /Jesus said, “Do not be afraid, little flock.” /There is a little flock. /The wide road is filled with people, /but there is a small number of people in the narrow road.

/Those who walk down the narrow road /are those who seek God’s kingdom and his righteousness. /They obey the Bible /and keep their faith. /“Do not be afraid” /means, do not worry about food or clothes.

/Jesus said, “Your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.” /God protects his people with his power /because God is pleased with such people.

/In verse 33, Jesus said, “Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out.” /“Possessions” /refer to inheritance, freedom, life, /and environments that are satisfying for our bodies. /We must give these up and make purses that will not wear out.

/“Purses that will not wear out” refer to spiritual purses. /“Purses” are bags that carry food /and other necessities. /We must prepare things for our spirits to eat, which means to make purses that will not wear out.

/In order to make purses that do not wear out, /one must sell his possessions and give to the poor. /This means to give to people who do not have much. /It means to use our possessions where it is needed. /We must use it where it is needed, /and we must do it for the Lord as God commanded.

/When we sacrifice our possessions /and follow the Lord, /our reborn spirits will grow, which is to make purses that do not wear out. /Jesus also said, “a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted.”

/To make purses that do not wear out means to store treasures in heaven. /This means that the reborn spirit is growing, /which cannot be taken away. /No moth can destroy this.

/Treasure that won't be exhausted /refer to food and necessities that will continuously come out from purses that will not wear out /like the widow of Zarephath and the flour and oil in her jars did not wear out.

/In verse 34, if our treasures are in heaven /our hearts will be there as well. /Thus, we will have heaven in our hearts. /This means that our hearts will be in heaven as well. /Heaven will be in our hearts.

/In verses 35-48, /the Lord said to wait for His return. /In verse 35, Jesus said, "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning." /This means that we must be ready for the Lord's return. /"Be dressed ready for service" /means to guard ourselves. /Thus meant to behave ourselves. /This is the opposite of living in self-indulgence.

/"Keep your lamps burning" /symbolizes the light of the born again spirit. /This means to /live with the born again spirit. /Our born again spirits work through our hearts. /Then our spirits will grow brighter.

/Then, we will walk in light. /However, when we harbor greed in our hearts, /the light will grow dim. /Therefore, believers must always live by the reborn spirit. /We must live by the guidance of our spirits and wait for the Lord's return.

/In verse 36, Jesus said, be "like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him." /The master is Jesus. /Why did Jesus compare His return to a wedding banquet?

/A wedding banquet is filled with people who rejoice for the bride and groom. /In the same way, when Jesus returns, /Jesus will think of the believers who are His bride, and rejoice. /Therefore, believers must be ready and awake /so that they could immediately receive their bridegroom.

/How must we be ready to receive the bridegroom? /First, we must not sleep but be awake. /Second, we must be readily dressed. /This means that we must be on guard. /Third, we must keep our lamps lighted.

/No matter what sufferings and persecutions we face, /the Lord will come and reward us for it /if we endure and wait for the Lord's return. /When Jesus sees that we believers are ready /and have our lamps lighted /at His return, /the Lord will be very happy.

/Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them." /This means that Jesus will sit believers in the seat of glory. /The Lord will give the crown of honor to believers. /He will reward us in the sight of our enemies.

/In verse 38, what type of people are blessed? /The second watch of the night is between 9 p.m. and midnight. /The third watch is midnight to 3 a.m. /It is easy to be awake in the evening, /but it is difficult to stay awake at 1 or 2 in the morning.

/The “night” here symbolizes sufferings. /Those who keep the chastity of their faith even at night or in times of suffering /will be blessed. /We do not know when Jesus will return. /This is because God did not let it be known. /We do not know when Jesus will return.

/In Matthew 24:42-44, /it says that Jesus will come like a thief. /Jesus will return suddenly. /Therefore, we must be awake. /Therefore, believers must not be off guard. /We must be dressed ready /and be like servants who wait for their master to return, /and we must wait daily for the Lord’s return.

/In verser 41, Peter asked a question. /He asked /if Jesus was telling this to the disciples /or to everyone.

/Jesus then replied. /Jesus said in verse 42, “Who then is the faithful and wise manager, /whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time?” /Wisdom here refers to spiritual wisdom given by the Holy Spirit.

/Faithfulness refers to using the conscience of faith. /The “servants” are the chosen believers. /The “food” is God’s Word. /In the Last Days, those who share spiritual food with believers will be blessed.

/It says, “give them their food allowance at the proper time.” /This means that we must teach believers God’s Word at the proper time. /We must properly teach and preach God’s Word that is appropriate to those who are suffering /and to those who are tempted. /We must help believers gain strength so that they could overcome their sufferings.

/In verse 43, Jesus said, “It will be good for that servant.” /Those who are used for the salvation movement are blessed. /Those who accomplish their salvation through the salvation movement are blessed.

/In verse 44, Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.” /They are those /who were awake /and shared his possessions with others. /The Lord will put such people in charge in heaven.

/In verse 45, /a servant thought that his master was late in coming. /Thus, he persecuted believers /and became drunk in the world. /The Lord suddenly returned /and rebuked him. /Jesus also said, “He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers.”

/What is the place with the unbelievers? /It is punishment in hell for the unbelievers. /In the case of believers, it is those who have been saved from the fire (1 Corinthians 3:15).

/In verse 47, it says the servant who knows his master's will but does not act according to it will be punished. /Those who do not know the Lord's will and goes against it will receive little punishment. /Jesus said, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; /and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

/In verses 49-53, Jesus said that He came to build fire on the earth. /The "fire" symbolizes God's Word. /"Build fire" /means that Jesus would preach the truth about the fulfillment of redemption.

/This means that Jesus will carry out His work of redemption. /The fire symbolizes cleanliness. /If everyone already received salvation, /then there would be nothing for the Lord to do.

/Jesus said, "I have a baptism to undergo." /This was the suffering of the cross that Jesus would have to receive. /Jesus had the responsibility to save all mankind through the suffering that He would receive on the cross. /Jesus said that this was His "baptism to undergo."

/In verse 51, /Jesus said that just as He came to build fire on the earth, /there would be division wherever the truth of redemption was. /Some people hear about the redemption, and then stop sinning and believe in Jesus. /Then there are others who follow the devil and oppose of the gospel.

/When this happens, there are divisions. /Thus, fathers and sons, /mothers and daughters, /and mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law would be divided.

/In verses 54-56, /Jesus said to interpret the times. /In Judea, /people believed that it would rain when clouds rose in the west. /It was hot when wind blew in from the south. /The Jews interpreted the appearance of the earth and sky, /but they did not interpret the signs of their time.

/Thus, Jesus rebuked them. /Today, there are signs of the Last Days in Matthew chapter 24 /or in the book of Revelation. /Therefore, we must know that Jesus Christ's return is near. /We must be prepared for Jesus' return.

/In verses 57-59, /Jesus spoke about the process of sin and repentance. /Jesus rebuked the Jews for not judging what was right. /They needed to say "yes" to what was right, /and "no" to what was wrong.

/If not, they would be acting in wickedness. /Jesus told them to maintain peace in lawsuits with their brothers. /There are many families today that go bankrupt because of lawsuits. /Believers must not file lawsuits against one another like the people of the world and go to court.



/The spiritual meaning here is that /we must not sin when we commit a crime. /The “adversary” here refers to the conscience. /When we are about to sin, our conscience stands against it. /Going to the “magistrate” /is the road to sin, and that is where we feel guilt in our conscience. /The “judge” symbolizes the law. /The “officer” symbolizes the power of sin.

/The “prison” symbolizes spiritual darkness. /When believers commit a sin, /they enter spiritual darkness. /They encounter pain and there is no spiritual freedom. /That becomes their prison. /In verse 59, it says, /“I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.”

/“The last penny” is a Greek unit of currency. /It was a small amount of money that was worth a half of a kodrantes in Roman currency. /Those who committed a crime and were in spiritual darkness and pain /would have to pay the last of all the money they had to be freed from that prison.

/To pay the last penny /means to thoroughly repent of all their sins, even the smallest of their sins. /When we sin and face spiritual darkness, /we cannot come out unless we thoroughly repent of our sins.

/We must not repent only with our lips /but we must pay for our sins. /If we want to repent and pay the last penny, /we must prepare to sacrifice everything we have. /This is true repentance. /Those who sincerely repent will not commit the same sins again.

/With this we will conclude the twelfth lecture on the gospel of Luke. /Thank you.