

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"Devotion"
Luke 9:51-62
Study-41

The Devotion of the Son of God to His heavenly Father - Luke 9:51
He was determined to go to Jerusalem; Philippians 2:8 Jesus is devoted,
and He expects nothing less of those that follow Him!

(10X Luke refers to Jesus on the road)

- 1. Luke 1:1-4:13 The Introduction Of The Son Of Man**
- 2. Luke 4:14-9:50 The Ministry Of The Son Of Man**
- 3. Luke 9:51-19:27 The Rejection Of The Son Of Man**

Jesus Travels To Jerusalem: Matthew 19:1-2; Mark 10:1; Luke 9:51
Rejection Of The Samaritans: Only in Luke's Gospel.
Call To Commitment: Matthew 8:19-22; Luke 9:57-62

Thought Of Our Passage: "Devotion To God Involves Rejection, And Hardships
With Urgency, With No Looking Back."

- 1. Verses 51-56 Mercy**
- 2. Verses 57-62 Commitment**

1. Verses 51-56 Mercy

Luke 9:51 When (Context) Jesus has completed His Galilean Ministry. He
Commissioned the disciples and was transfigured. We left off with Jesus
sharing with His disciples a 2nd prediction of the cross, **Luke 9:44-45**

The Sin Of Pride: Luke 9:46
The Sin Of Intolerance: Luke 9:49-50

the days were approaching for His ascension, *"to be received up,"*
word is only used here. (Elijah was received up) Jesus would **"ascend"** to
Jerusalem to die on the cross. Jesus, after His resurrection, would have His
"ascension" back to heaven.

Luke 9-14 Rejection of Jesus by the religious leaders.
Luke 14-19 Teaching His discipleship.

He was determined to go to Jerusalem; (KJV) he steadfastly set his
face to go to Jerusalem, - Literally, it says, *"He stiffened face to go to*
Jerusalem, to resolve, to be determined." Nothing was going to stop Him!
(Luke 9:53; 13:22, 33; 17:11; 18:31; 19:11, 28) John 4:34;
Hebrews 12:2

Luke does not give us the names of the locations. Some of His travels are not due south. **"A Journey of Destiny"**

Luke 9:52 and He sent messengers on ahead of Him, (Not told who they were).

and they went and entered a village of the Samaritans - The area of Samaria was between Galilee and Judea. Jesus had passed through at the beginning, which resulted in salvation. **John 4:4 Background of the Samaritans: 2 Kings 14; Ezra 4**

to make arrangements for Him. Jesus' expansion of His ministry:

Luke 9:53 But they did not receive Him,
Why would Jesus be rejected? **because He was traveling toward Jerusalem.** Jerusalem, the center of the Jewish people.

John 1:11 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

Luke 9:54 James and John saw this, they are called "*The Sons Of Thunder.*" **Mark 3:17 and James, the son of Zebedee,**

Sin Of Revenge: "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"

Jesus said, shake the dust off, not kill them. **Luke 9:5**

2 Kings 1:1-14 When Elijah was approached by men sent by wicked king **Ahaziah**, who had rejected God. Two groups of 50 men were consumed by fire. Samaritans were not!

The Samaritans were not rejecting God but the Jews.

(Personal Insult)

The disciple's motivation for wanting to destroy the Samaritans was the same reason the Samaritans had for refusing to welcome them -

This is the same spirit manifested by the prophet Jonah in his refusal to carry the message of God to the Ninevites.

Luke 9:55 But He turned and rebuked them, the same word used to correct demons, heal fevers and stop a storm. **Luke 6:27-29**

Matthew 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Luke 9:56 Jesus Is A Deliverer, Not A Destroyer: for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." John 10:10

2. Verses 57-62 Commitment

Luke 9:57 (Note) As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, - Jesus reads the hearts of men, **Luke 2:35**

Luke records three encounters with Jesus regarding commitment:

What We have before us is "**Excuses, Excuses!**" We must place God first!

- 1. Verses 57-58 Impulsive Commitment: someone said to Him, "I will follow You wherever You go." (Scribe – Matthew 8:19, A Disciple Matthew 8:21) without counting the cost. (Too Speedy) Demands Resolution.**

Some today think following Jesus is going to church, owning a bible, praying before meals, being moral. Much more than that!

Luke 9:58

Jesus speaks of uncertainty - We know that Jesus did stay at Peter's house then in Bethany at Lazarus' house. **Mark 10:29-30**

If our Christianity has not brought discomfort, we must ask if we have the real thing!

Luke 9:59

- 2. Verses 59-60 Urgency In Commitment: And He said to another, "Follow Me." (Trust & Obey).** Jesus approaches and appeals to a person to step up!

But he said, "Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father." This seems to be a reasonable request to give to the Lord.

"Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father." He did not say, "*My father is dead, let me go bury him!*" **What the man was asking was a delay in following Jesus.**

Luke 9:60 But He said to him, "Allow the dead to bury their own dead; This response of Jesus seems to contradict the commandments.

The Fifth Commandment: Exodus 20:12 This speaks of respect.

But He said to him, "Allow the dead to bury their own dead; What a response.

What is Jesus saying? "Let the spiritually dead bury the physically dead." "A man alive to God, with the call of God upon him, he must do the greater thing, proclaim the kingdom of God."

Keeping people out of hell is more important than comforting the age and infirmed. Elisha left father and mother to follow, **Elijah, 1 Kings 19:19-21**, James and John left the boats and father to follow Jesus **Matthew 4:22**, Matthew left the tax booth, (The Gospel work greater than all other).

(Man's Father came before Christ)

- 3. Verses 61-62 Focused Commitment: Another also said, "I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me to say good-bye to those at home." Some self-composed conditions. Devotion Demands Resignation.**

Elijah Called Elisha - **1 Kings 19:19-20** Elisha was sincere. This man was not!

Luke 9:62 "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, - that a person that is plowing and then looks back is not focused.

"There is no room in God's kingdom for those who look back when they are called to go forward."

Lot's wife looked back to Sodom. Israel looked back to Egypt.

Application:

- 1.** The Only Fire We Should Want To Come Down On People Is The Holy Spirit. We Should Want The Best For Them.
- 2.** Devotion To Jesus Includes Hardships That Come With Being A Disciple Of Jesus. Hardships Will Prove To Result In Glory.
- 3.** Devotion To Jesus Comes With Urgency In Getting The Message Out. The Dead Can Bury The Dead, But The Living Must Preach The Gospel While They Can.
- 4.** Devotion To Jesus Must Focus On God's Plan For Us. We Need To Refrain From Looking Back And Whining Over The Past.