

A Look at the Last Page

Luke 12:22-34

Introduction

These words of Jesus urge us to trust God completely, to look for the coming Kingdom, to allow God to enthrone Himself in our hearts, to let Him be our heart. Such a trusting reliance brings great blessings, and fulfills our deepest needs.

I. The Kingdom is at hand. Where?

- A. In the common experiences of life, in positive give and take, in the nurturing warmth of selfless love.
- B. In the life of the Son of God, in the spirit, not only the letter, of the Word of God, in a God-centered Principled life.

II. The Kingdom is “God with us.” How do we know this?

- A. When our spiritual vision remains clear despite persecution and struggle.
- B. When our lifestyle and the way of the world conflict, and we gladly choose to be rejected by the world.

III. The Kingdom is a gift. Why do we have to seek for it?

- A. The effort involved in seeking develops gratitude and spiritual depth.
- B. The effort involved in seeking helps keep the physical and spiritual world in proper perspective.

IV. The Kingdom is fulfilled in Christ

- A. The course of restoration in history points in Christ.
- B. In Christ we see the one True Man, the reflection of the fatherhood and motherhood of God.
- C. In Christ we see what is possible for all of creation to be – a “sneak preview,” a look at the last page of the Book of Life.

Conclusion

The promises of God are the same as fulfilled reality. We can, must, and shall be all that God purposes for us: “It does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.”