

Morning Sermon January 25, 2015

“Giving All” Luke 21:1-6

I. Scripture teaches us to give ALL to God –

⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!

⁵ "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. (Deuteronomy 6:4-5 NKJ)

1. These verses certainly teach giving “money” “two mites” are a form of money, but giving must go beyond money with God –

^{NKJ} 1 Corinthians 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ² And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. (1Corinthians 13:1-3 NKJ)

Consider the variety of things that can fall short:

- A. Powerful preaching – 1 Corinthians 13:1
 - B. Prophecy and teaching, understanding of Scripture – 1 Corinthians 13:2 a
 - C. Faith to remove mountains, a faith that get things done – 1 Corinthians 13:2 b
 - D. Bestowing ALL my goods to feed the poor, giving my body to be burned, GIVING ALL even in the ultimate sense of giving your life CAN FALL SHORT – 1 Corinthians 13:3
2. The value of the widow’s gift is discernable only by Christ and God –

How did Jesus KNOW this was the widow’s last two mites?

How does God / Christ know anything? Everything? PERFECTLY –

^{NKJ} Psalm 139:1 <For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.> O LORD, You have searched me and known me. ² You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. ³ You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. ⁵ You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your

hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it. ⁷ Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? ⁸ If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰ Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; ¹² Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You. ¹³ For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them. ¹⁷ How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! ¹⁸ If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You. ¹⁹ Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God! Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men. ²⁰ For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take Your name in vain. ²¹ Do I not hate them, O LORD, who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You? ²² I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies. ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; ²⁴ And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139:1-24 NKJ)

1. Surely David was a great sinner –

¹¹ For Your name's sake, O LORD, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great. (Psalm 25:11 NKJ) Psalm 25 is a Psalm of David - Psalm 25:1

2. Yet, he was also a repentant sinner, a man after God’s own heart –

²² "And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.' (Acts 13:22 NKJ)

II. It was David’s dream / desire to build God an earthly Temple –

1. This desire was both right and wrong on multiple levels

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A. David’s motivations were right –

NKJ 2 Samuel 7:1 Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies all around,² that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains."³ Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that *is* in your heart, for the LORD *is* with you."⁴ But it happened that night that the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying,⁵ "Go and tell My servant David, `Thus says the LORD: "Would you build a house for Me to dwell in?"⁶ "For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle.⁷ "Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, `Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'"⁸ "Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, `Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel."⁹ "And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who *are* on the earth."¹⁰ "Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously,¹¹ "since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the LORD tells you that He will make you a house."¹² "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom."¹³ "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever."¹⁴ "I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men."¹⁵ "But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I removed from before you."¹⁶ "And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever." (2Samuel 7:1-16 NKJ)

B. *We see from the above passage David's motivations were not only right, but they were rewarded –*

¹⁶ "And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever." (2Samuel 7:1-16 NKJ)

III. *This passage, all the way from Luke 19:41- to Luke 21:6 was about Jerusalem, in the Temple, its proper use, its DESTRUCTION –*

⁴¹ Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, ⁴² saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things *that*

make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes."⁴³ "For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side,⁴⁴ "and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."⁴⁵ Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it,⁴⁶ saying to them, "It is written, `My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a `den of thieves.'" ⁴⁷ And He was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him,⁴⁸ and were unable to do anything; for all the people were very attentive to hear Him. (Luke 19:41-48 NKJ)

1. *Even the widow's mites were given to a Temple which would be torn down –*

." ⁵ Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations, He said,⁶ "These things which you see - the days will come in which not *one* stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down." (Luke 21:1-6 NKJ)

2. *In this her two mites were something like the perfume poured on Jesus' body –*

⁷ a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured *it* on His head as He sat *at the table*.⁸ But when His disciples saw *it*, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste?"⁹ "For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to *the poor*."¹⁰ But when Jesus was aware of *it*, He said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me."¹¹ "For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always."¹² "For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did *it* for My burial."¹³ "Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.¹⁶ So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him. (Matthew 26:7-16 NKJ)

- *Two mites were practically nothing, pennies at best, this flask had great value both were given with right motives*
- *One to honor the Temple in Jerusalem*
- *One to honor the Temple which was Jesus Christ's Body*
- *Jesus' body like the Temple would be destroyed, yet unlike that earthly Temple He would rise! Brining up with Him a new and more glorious Temple – Ephesians 2:13-22*

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