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Luke 22: 35 – 38 “Supplies for the Road”

14 When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. 15 Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." 17 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; 18 for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." 19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. 21 But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table. 22 And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!" 23 Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing."

24 Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. 25 And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called 'benefactors.' 26 But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. 27 For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. 28 But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. 29 And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, 30 that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

31 And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren." 33 But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death." 34 Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."

35 And He said to them, "When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?" So they said, "Nothing." 36 Then He said to them, "But now, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one. 37 For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors.' For the things concerning Me have an end." 38 So they said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." And He said to them, "It is enough."

39 Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him. 40 When He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." 41 And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." 43 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. 44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. 45 When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow. 46 Then He said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation."

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II. Remember the Lord’s Past Provisions v35

- a. 35 And He said to them, "When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?" So they said, "Nothing."
- b. Jesus’ question calls the disciples to look back upon their prior experience when Jesus sent them out. They obeyed Him, and He provided for all of their needs as they did His will.
- c. The Twelve sent out: (Lk 9:1-6)
 - i. “Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. 2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. 3 And He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece. 4 "Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. 5 "And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them." 6 So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.”
- d. The Seventy sent out: (Lk 10:1-8)
 - i. “After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. 2 Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. 3 "Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. 4 "Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. 5 "But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.' 6 "And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. 7 "And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. 8 "Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you.”
- e. During their first journeys, they were sent out without supplies or money. They were received in enough places that they lacked nothing along the way. They had food, drink, safety and lodging enough for the completion of their mission. Their faith was built up, going out with nothing, yet having everything supplied along the way.
 - i. Henry “He owns that he had sent them out in a very poor and bare condition, barefoot, and with no money in their purses, because they were not to go far, nor be out long; and he would thus teach them to

depend upon the providence of God, and, under that, upon the kindness of their friends.”¹

- f. According to the eternal truth found in Luke 12:27-32
 - i. "Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 "If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more [will He clothe] you, O [you] of little faith? 29 "And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. 30 "For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. 31 "But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. 32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."
 - ii. Henry "We must reckon ourselves well done by, and must not complain, but be thankful, if we have had the necessary supports of life, though we have had neither dainties nor superfluities, though we have lived from hand to mouth, and lived upon the kindness of our friends. The disciples lived upon contribution, and yet did not complain that their maintenance was precarious, but owned, to their Master's honor, that it was sufficient; they had wanted nothing."²
- III. Supplies for the Road v36
- a. 36 Then He said to them, "But now, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one."
 - b. But, now, the situation has changed in at least 2 important ways. They will have longer journeys, and they will have fewer friends and many more enemies. So, having built up their faith in God's Providential care via their prior missions (Lk 9, Lk 10), the Lord now commands them to have provisions for the next journey.
 - i. Note, it is very easy to depend upon provisions instead of upon the Lord Who Provides. Jesus taught His disciples to depend upon the Lord by taking them through scarcity, so that they would continue to depend upon the Lord Himself during times of plenty.
 - ii. Also, note that reliance upon the Lord's provision does not relieve the disciples of their responsibility to lawfully work to obtain basic needs for themselves.
 - iii. Bock "Jesus' departure changes the outward circumstances of the disciples' ministry. The contrastive *ἀλλὰ νῦν* (*alla nyn*, "but now") indicates that a change has come. Rather than leaving behind purse, bag,

¹ Henry, M. (1994). [*Matthew Henry's commentary on the whole Bible: complete and unabridged in one volume*](#) (p. 1903). Peabody: Hendrickson.

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and sword, they are now to take such items. ...Those who have extra clothes ... need to sell them to buy a sword.”³

- c. Jesus instructs each of His disciples to take along money, supplies (knapsack), and a sword. Regarding the sword, Jesus teaches his disciples to prioritize a sword over extra clothing.
 - i. The Lord providentially provided food, clothing, money, safety and lodging on their first journeys. Now, the Lord commands them to continue depending upon His providence while they also work to provide the basic needs of life for themselves before they begin their journey.
 - ii. Note, when making plans for provisions along the way of serving the Lord, self-defense is on the list with food, clothing, money and shelter.
 - 1. However, the Kingdom of God does not come by physical force via the physical sword. The disciples had yet to learn this lesson fully, as we will see in Lk 22:49-51 when one of the disciples uses the sword to cut off the right ear of the servant of the high priest. They had yet to learn when the use of physical force is appropriate.
- d. Note, Jesus connects their future journey with their past journey. The activities of their prior missions surely shape their understanding of their future mission. They will go forth preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, casting out demons and healing all manner of disease.
- e. Also, note that Luke makes this lesson the last discussion of the Lord’s Supper setting. Jesus has provided this peaceful meal for them all to enjoy together. He has instituted the Lord’s Supper, the meal of the Kingdom. He has warned them about betrayal in their midst. They had argued over who is the greatest, and Jesus has gently corrected them and promised them His Kingdom. Jesus has warned Peter, yet comforted Peter, regarding Peter’s coming thrice denial. And, now, finally, Jesus ends this Last Supper by pointing them to the future. This meal together strengthens them to be prepared to complete the mission He gives to them.

IV. Coming Death and Persecution v37

- a. 37 For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors.' For the things concerning Me have an end."
- b. While Jesus and His disciples have faced some persecution in the past, the coming persecution will be much greater, with fewer places to safely hide, and fewer sources of provisions. Jesus will be numbered with transgressors, and so will all who follow Him. Both the Jewish and the Roman leaders will consider Christians as outlaws.
- c. Is 53 “Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no

³ Bock, D. L. (1996). [Luke: 9:51–24:53](#) (Vol. 2, p. 1746). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.

beauty that we should desire Him. 3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, [our] faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. 4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, [He was] bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace [was] upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. 9 And they made His grave with the wicked--But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor [was any] deceit in His mouth. 10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. 11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors."

- d. "have and end" - The prophecies of Isaiah 53, and of all the OT, regarding the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ will be fulfilled.
- e. Jesus is preparing them for the coming great persecution, and tying it to Him. Those who love and follow Him will also be persecuted, and many will be killed for His Name.

V. Two Swords v38

- a. 38 So they said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." And He said to them, "It is enough."
- b. While the disciples need to consider self-defense as they seek to be wise in their preparations for the mission, they are not to think of physical conquest as the path to the Kingdom of God. So, when they begin to focus upon the swords, Jesus brings the conversation to an end. Jesus knows they still need to learn the lesson of the sword.
 - i. Mt 26:51-53 "And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. 52 But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. 53 "Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?"
- c. Instead, they must learn to wield the Sword of the Spirit.

- i. Henry “*He that has no sword* wherewith to defend himself against robbers and assassins (2 Co. 11:26) will find a great want of it, and will be ready to wish, some time or other, that he had sold his garment and bought one. This is intended only to show that the times would be very perilous, so that no man would think himself safe if he had not a sword by his side. But the *sword of the Spirit* is the sword which the disciples of Christ must furnish themselves with. *Christ having suffered for us*, we must *arm ourselves* with the same mind (1 Peter 4:1), arm ourselves with an expectation of trouble, that it may not be a surprise to us, and with a holy resignation to the will of God in it, that there may be no opposition in us to it: and then we are better prepared than if we had sold a coat to buy a sword.”⁴

VI. Questions to know, love and obey God

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