

God's Will To Die For Us

Luke 13:31-35

- 1) Few will enter the kingdom of God, a remnant not a majority (13:22-30)
- 2) Entry into God's kingdom was paved by Jesus' death (13:31-33)
 - a) God became flesh in order to die mankind's death
 - b) Man must repent of sin, trust in Christ
 - c) This present darkness was judged at the cross (13:34-35)
- 3) What God hates speaks volumes about what He loves
 - a) He loves, but He also hates; He is *holy*
 - b) Unwilling people are loved by God's patience & the gospel
 - c) He lovingly puts men in leadership to guide others to Him
 - d) He laments over those who reject Him
 - e) Better to deal w/ a harsh preacher now than an wrathful God later
- 4) Observations
 - a) With death always in His sights, note the bravery of Jesus; the love for His people
 - b) Tucked under God's wings, we find all we need
 - c) Absolutely nothing could dissuade Jesus from obedience to His Father
 - d) Condemning words are designed to urge repentance
 - e) Jesus paid it all! All we need to is believe and repent
 - f) May we speak as boldly as Christ in the face of intimidation & death