



1. Anticipate _____ (vv.49-50)

Luke 12:49 "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled!"

50 I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished!

51 Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.

52 For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three.

53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." (ESV)

2. Expect _____ (v.51)

Luke 2:14

doxa en hypsistios theo kai
glory in the highest to God &

<i>epi ges eirene</i>	<i>en anthropois</i>	<i>eudokias</i>
on earth peace	in people	favor (adj.)
<i>epi ges eirene</i>	<i>en anthropois</i>	<i>eudokia</i>
on earth peace	in people	favor (noun)

3. Draw _____ (vv.52-53)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Revelation 21:22-27**. Describe some of your reactions to pondering this promised future reality.
2. Read **Acts 14:21-22**. What would be the problem if this description of the present interim reality was not on your radar as a Christian?
3. Read **Proverbs 13:20** and **1 Corinthians 15:33**. How have you seen evidence of this truth in your life?
4. Read **James 5:7-11**. In your current season of life, what makes it difficult for you to be resolute and patient as you anticipate the coming of Christ?
5. Read **Hebrews 10:23-25**. What are some specific ways you can be used by God to provide help, strength, and motivation to others to "hold fast" to their confession of hope?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

February 7th

Lev. 1-3 & Mt. 24:23-51

February 8th

Lev. 4-6 & Mt. 25:1-30

February 9th

Lev. 7-9 & Mt. 25:31-46

February 10th

Lev. 10-12 & Mt. 26:1-19

February 11th

Lev. 13 & Mt. 26:20-54

February 12th

Lev. 14 & Mt. 26:55-75

February 13th

Lev. 15-17 & Mt. 27:1-31

February 14th

Lev. 18-19 & Mt. 27:32-66

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 15-05 – **Fatal Excuses: "I Can't Lord, I Have to Put Family First"**

Msg. 08-39 – **Where's the Promised Peace on Earth** (The case of the missing *sigma*)

Msg. 12-42 – **Simeon on the Polarizing Effect of Jesus Christ**

Msg. 13-01 – **Priorities in Tension: Learning from the Perfect Twelve-Year-Old**

Msg. 14-10 – **Making Sure We Don't Miss the King**

Msg. 14-24 – **Your Fraternity of Hearers**

Msg. 13-28 – **When You're Ridiculed for Christ**

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

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For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Beale, G. K. **We Become What We Worship: A Biblical Theology of Idolatry**. InterVarsity Press, 2008.

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. **The Cost of Discipleship**. SCM Press Ltd., 1959.

Carmichael, Liz. **Friendship: Interpreting Christian Love**. T&T Clark, 2004.

Fernando, Ajith. **Reclaiming Friendship**. Herald Press, 1993.

Gorman, Julie. **Community That Is Christian**. Victor Books, 1993.

MacArthur, John. **The Gospel According to Jesus**. Zondervan, 1988.

Morgan, Christopher. **Suffering and the Goodness of God**. Crossway, 2008.

Owen, John. **Rules for Walking in Fellowship**. Reformation Heritage Books, 2014.

Priolo, Lou. **Picking Up the Pieces: Recovering from Broken Relationships**. P & R Publishing, 2012.

Pritchard, Ray. **An Anchor for the Soul: Help for the Present, Hope for the Future**. Moody Press, 2000.

Ryken, Philip Graham, ed. **The Communion of the Saints: Living in Fellowship with the People of God**. P & R, 2001.

Sande, Ken. **Resolving Everyday Conflicts**. Baker Books, 2011.

Tada, Joni Eareckson & Steve Estes. **When God Weeps: Why Our Suffering Matters to the Almighty**. Zondervan, 1997.

Thoennes, K. Erik. **Godly Jealousy: A Theology of Intolerant Love**. Christian Focus Publications, 2005.

Thomas, Derek, ed. **Zeal for Godliness**. EP Books, 2012.