The Reign of God - Part 2 Luke 17:20-37 Page #1045 Todd Cyphers

Notes:

I. The reign of Christ is gaining ground daily through His internal reign in every believer and will soon come to completion in making <u>all things new</u>. (20-21)

Rev. 21:5 - *He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new...."*

Gal. 4:4-7 - But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

II. Truths Concerning His Now and Future Reign

1. <u>His people desire His physical return</u> (22)

Acts 1:11 - (*The angels said*), "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

Titus 2:13 - Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus

2 Tim. 4:8 - *In the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.*

2. <u>His return will be seen everywhere</u> (23-24)

Rev. 1:7-8 - Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him...

3. <u>He must be rejected, suffer and die</u> (25)

Luke 23:18-25, 44-47

4. <u>His return will be an interruption</u> (26-30)

5. <u>His return reveals our heart and eternity</u> (31-37)

1 John 3:2-3 - We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is...everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

1 Thess. 5:9-11 - ...our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that...we will live together with Him. Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

FAMILY FAITH SHEET

Transformation Scripture: *My soul is satisfied...and my mouth offers praises*... Psalm 63:5

Monday 3-25-13 - Reflecting on Yesterday

- 1. Read Luke 17:20-37. Discuss Sunday's message with someone.
- 2. How is His reign growing in your life? Your family?
- 3. Pray for a passion to see Him reign over the earth.

Tuesday- 3-26-13 - Reflecting on this Past Sunday

- 1. Six times in Revelation God promises a 1,000 year reign with His people on the earth. Read the three great Covenants in the Old Testament, and be encouraged by what God promised for His people. Read two today and one tomorrow.
- 2. The *Abrahamic Covenant* promised a land, posterity, and spiritual blessing. (Genesis 12:1-3)
- 3. The *Palestinian Covenant* promised Israel a restoration to the land and occupation of the land. (Deuteronomy 30:1-10)

Wednesday - 3-27-13 - Reflecting on this Past Sunday

- 1. Read about the *Davidic Covenant* that promised Israel forgiveness the means whereby the nation could be blessed. (2 Samuel 7:10-13)
- 2. Why will "Gentile" believers enjoy the fulfillment of the Covenant promises? (Rom. 11:17-23)
- 3. Pray for Israel and those who are yet to come to Christ to love Him.

Thursday, 3-28-13 – Preparing for this Easter Sunday

- 1. Read John 20 to prepare for Sunday.
- 2. What does the text show you about Christ? His resurrection?
- 3. The reason He performed signs on this earth? (30-31)
- 4. Pray for His people and those who do not know Him yet.

Friday, 3-29-13 – Preparing Ourselves for this Sunday

- 1. Read John 11:24. Who is Jesus and what does He offer?
- 2. What excites you most about His and our resurrection life?
- 3. Pray for a proper perspective of the resurrection life we live now and in the future.

Saturday, 3-30-13 – Preparing for Tomorrow- Easter Sunday

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15 to prepare for worship tomorrow with God's people. Pray through the passage.