

CD601 Proclamation and Communication
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Passage Analysis

1. Luke 17:1-10

- (1) Subject: What should believers' postures toward other believers and God be?
- (2) Complement: The believers should respect other believers and make peace with them.

The believers should have genuine faith and exercise their faith through obeying as servants of God.
- (3) Main Idea: The passage teaches believers to be mindful of how they treat other believers in a respectful way and to continue to reconcile with others who repent. It also teaches that the true faith has power and is demonstrated in believers' obedience. When they obey God, they do not boast because they have only done what they are supposed to do. Their obedience is a responsible action coming out of genuine faith.

2. Isaiah 7:1-10

- (1) Subject: What should Ahaz's response be to the impending threat by Syria and Ephraim?
- (2) Complement: His response should be to trust God and not fear Syria and Ephraim even though their combined forces looked powerful because God who is much more powerful than them promised to Ahaz that He will be with Judah and that Syria and Ephraim would not be able to harm Judah much.
- (3) Main Idea: When we encounter people with power trying to oppose, threaten or manipulate us to promote their agenda, we should not fear them. Our response should be to continue to trust God and be faithful to Him because we know that God is in control and He is gracious to those who believe Him.

3. 1 Peter 5:1-4

- (1) Subject: How should the elders in the church respond appropriately to the members of the church? What should be their posture and attitude as they shepherd the flock of God?
- (2) Complement: The elders should take care of the congregation by overseeing them willingly and eagerly, and leading them by becoming examples.
- (3) Main Idea: The church is God's own, and therefore, the leaders of the church should respond to church with commitment and responsibility. The leaders are to provide the leadership to the church willingly and joyfully, and in a way that is not domineering, but by becoming examples to them.

4. Psalms 131

- (1) Subject: What is the character of David who hopes in the Lord?
- (2) Complement: David wants to stay humble, remain lowly and pure at heart regardless of his status.
- (3) Main Idea: Like David, those who hope in the Lord in any circumstances would pray to stay humble and be content with his/her life situations.

5. Matthew 18:15-20

- (1) Subject: How should the church discipline the sinning member of the church?
- (2) Complement: First, seek to restore him/her by reproof privately, with two or three witnesses if necessary. If s/he is still unrepentant, the church should reprove that member. The church should act on God's authority.
- (3) Main Idea: God has granted the church to act on His authority. The church should pray and seek to restore the sinning member of the church first, but if that person is persistently unrepentant, continuing to sin, the church has authority to exclude him/her.

6. Esther

- (1) Subject: How did God reveal that He is in control of everything to accomplish His purpose?
- (2) Complement: God preserved and protected His covenant people when they were on the brink of getting eradicated by those who did not fear God.
- (3) Main Idea: When believers encounter oppositions and hostility, they should trust that God is in control of everything. Such faith encourages believers to continue to live faithfully even when it seems God is absent.

7. Hebrews 13:5-6

- (1) Subject: On what basis can believers be content?
- (2) Complement: Believers can be content based on God's promise that He will be with them always.
- (3) Main Idea: Believers should avoid loving money and become content because God promised His presence with them in all circumstances.

8. Daniel 4

- (1) Subject: What happens to those who exalt themselves before God?
- (2) Complement: Those who exalt themselves before God, whether they are believers or unbelievers, are humiliated by God who is sovereign and mighty ruler of the universe.
- (3) Main Idea: People who are arrogant before God, even the most powerful ruler of this world will certainly be humbled by God who controls everything in the world. God desires that they come to repent and do the actions of righteousness and justices.

9. Luke 8:10-18

- (1) Subject: What would be the attitude of believers for listening to God's Word?

(2) Complement: They are to listen to God's Word with honest and good heart and patience.

(3) Main Idea: How to hear God's Word is important for the believers to bear fruit. They are to hold fast to the Word with honest and good heart and endure in all circumstances to align their lives to the Word.

10. 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

(1) Subject: For what reason does Paul give thanks to God regarding the Thessalonian church?

(2) Complement: Paul gives thanks to God for the Thessalonians' work of faith, labor of love and steadfastness of hope in Jesus Christ.

(3) Main Idea: Paul gives thanks to God for the Thessalonian church for their work of faith, love and steadfastness of hope in Jesus Christ. They not only became imitators of Paul and the Lord, but also became an example to the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

11. Matthew 18:21-35

(1) Subject: Can believers stop forgiving others?

(2) Complement: Believers should continue to forgive others.

(3) Main Idea: Believers are to continue to forgive others because they have been forgiven by God.

12. 1 Corinthians 8

(1) Subject: Why do strong believers have to consider and have concern about the weak believers when exercising their rights according to their knowledge?

(2) Complement: Because through exercising the rights, the strong believers might become a hindrance to the progress of the weak believers and eventually harm their faith.

(3) Main Idea: Christians should be able to lay down their rights when exercising their rights can hinder the weak Christians' progress and harm their faith. Christians are to have consideration and sensitivity towards others and take care of the well-being of others.