

Isaac Lee

February 7, 2023

CD601: Proclamation and Communication

Passage Analysis

- **Scripture: Luke 17:1-10**
- Subject: How should disciples of Jesus respond to a brother or sister who sins against them?
- Complement: With rebuke and also forgiveness if they are repentant.
- Main Idea: It is your duty to extend forgiveness to people who truly repent after sinning against you.

- **Scripture: Isaiah 7:1-17**
- Subject: How do we keep calm and not lose heart in the face of great adversity?
- Complement: Through looking to the Lord who is faithful to His people in spite of our failures.
- Main Idea: The Lord was telling Ahab through the prophet Isaiah to trust Him and that He would fight to protect Him, promising the virgin birth as a sign that He had not forsaken His people.

- **Scripture: 1 Peter 5:1-4**
- Subject: How are shepherds of God's flock supposed to watch over the flock?
- Complement: With willing hearts, eagerness to serve, and as examples.
- Main Idea: The Chief Shepherd, Jesus will appear one day and glorify those who took true care of His sheep. Shepherds are not to abuse or manipulate their flock, but wholeheartedly and humbly lead them as Christ would.

- **Scripture: Psalm 131**
- Subject: More than great ambitions or prideful pursuits, who and what should we fix our sole hope and attention on?
- Complement: We should fix our hope and attention on the Lord.
- Main Idea: It's easy to get caught up in our ambitions and great exploits, but we should remember that we are wholly dependent on the Lord and need to seek Him first.

- **Scripture: Matthew 18:15-20**

- Subject: How should the church treat a church member who sins?
- Complement: With honorary discretion if appropriate, but with increasing witnesses and finally harsh rebuke if the church member is not listening.
- Main Idea: Do not tolerate sin in the body but also fight for unity and agreement as it unlocks the will of the Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven.

- **Scripture: Esther**

- Subject: Is God in the midst of His people even in the worst of circumstances?
- Complement: Yes, God can orchestrate all things to work together for the good of those who love Him.
- Main Idea: Even in exile and oppression under the reign of King Xerxes, Esther and the Jews were able to find favor with their captors through the divine intervention of God every step of the way. God is faithful to His people and is working for our good even in the worst of circumstances.

- **Scripture: Hebrews 13:5-6**

- Subject: Why should we not trust money and fear?
- Complement: The Lord is our helper and provider.
- Main Idea: In our lives, it's easy to chase money for our security and contentment. But God is our protector and provider, we have no reason to fear lack or others.

- **Scripture: Daniel 4**

- Subject: Who is sovereign over all kingdoms on Earth and gives them to anyone He pleases?
- Complement: The Lord is sovereign and can give and take away authority as He pleases.
- Main Idea: Repentance and alignment with the Lord is crucial. We must be cautious not to get caught up in ourselves.

- **Scripture: Luke 8:1-18**

- Subject: How can people who hear the word of God let it grow to maturity in their lives?
- Complement: We let God's word grow to maturity by cultivating a noble and good heart, retaining the word, and persevering through life's worries, riches, and pleasure.
- Main Idea: Many will hear the word of God, but many will also not see the word come to fruition. The disciple is called to a life of integrity and perseverance before the Lord.

- **Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10**

- Subject: What does a life of faith look like?
- Complement: A life of faith births Holy Spirit anointed words with power, imitation of Christ, suffering with joy, surrendering of idols, labor prompted by love, mighty works, and endurance from hope in Jesus.
- Main Idea: A life of faith is not one from striving but it is empowered by the Holy Spirit and intimacy with the Lord. A life of faith looks like the above.

- **Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35**

- Subject: Why should we forgive those who sin against us?
- Complement: Because the Lord has forgiven us who have sinned against Him.
- Main Idea: As people who have been saved by His grace and mercy, we are called to extend that same grace and mercy to those around us.

- **Scripture: 1 Corinthians 8**

- Subject: Why should we be mindful of how we conduct ourselves before others in manners that are theologically permissible?
- Complement: Because weaker Christians may be stumbled by certain conduct, even if permissible.
- Main Idea: At the end of the day, we should be fighting for unity in the Church, even if it limits our freedom in the areas of what is permissible to our conscience. Paul uses the example of eating food sacrificed to idols, but it can pertain to other matters such as drinking wine (not drunkenness).