

These Are The Days! By Creighton Lovelace, Pastor Danieltown Baptist Church June 28, 2015

Luke 4:23-26, 28-29 And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country. 24 And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country. 25 But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; 26 But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. 28 And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, 29 And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

Luke 17:26-30 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. 27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; 29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. 30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

1. The Days of Elias (Luke 4:25) (Elias = Elijah) Skipping verse 27 – that's about Elisha.

- a. Jesus' words (in Luke 4:23-24) inform us that when a nation is up to its eyes in sin, many will not receive the preaching of the Word. Think about Jeremiah, Jesus Himself, Paul the Apostle. It got to the point where God's people, the Jews, would not heed the preaching of the Cross so God sent them out to the Gentiles. Thank God! So it was that Elijah was not heard by the Jews, so God sent him outside of Israel to minister to the Widow of Sarepta – a Gentile.
- b. You know what too many Christians don't accept the Word of God! Consider:
- c. Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.
 - i. For too many sin is to be celebrated! So many have celebrated the triumph of sin this past week.
- d. Why has SIN seemingly triumphed this week? Why it has been triumphing for years!
 - i. **Engel v. Vitale**, 370 U.S. 421 (1962) Banned Teacher/Clergy led Prayer in Public Schools.
 - ii. **Abington School District v. Schempp**, 374 U.S. 203 (1963) Banned Bible readings in Public Schools
 - iii. **Loving v. Virginia**, 388 U.S. 1 (1967) Banned State bans on Interracial Marriage.
 - iv. **Roe v. Wade**, 410 U.S. 113 (1973) Banned Protection of Life in the Womb
 - v. **Edwards v. Aguillard**, 482 U.S. 578 (1987) Banned Creation Science from being taught in Public Schools.
 - vi. **Obergefell v. Hodges**, 576 U.S. ____ (2015) Banned State bans on Sodomite Marriage.
 - President [Barack Obama](#) praised the decision and called it a "victory for America."
- e. 1 Peter 4:17 **For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God:** and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?
- f. Why has the time come?
 - i. Because Christians have COMPROMISED. See all those BANS of GOD in the Schoolhouse? Maybe it's time we Christians BAN the schoolhouse!!! If we do not invest our time, energy and effort into OUR OWN FLESH AND BLOOD who is? THE SATANICALLY CONTROLLED STATE IS!
 - THINK!??? 168 hours in a week.
 - THINK!?? They spend 7 hours (usually) at school. That's 35 hours a week.

- THINK!??? If they come to ALL services at Church (here at Danielstown). 6 hours a week!!!
 - THINK!??? If they go to bed at 10PM and get up at 7AM that's 9 hours of sleep and that factors to 63 hours a week.
 - THINK!??? All total so far is 104 hours a week. That's 64 waking hours left in a week or about 9 hours a day. Now add in them being gone places, on the phone, mentally shut down watching TV, playing video games, plus avoiding you, etc. etc. etc. PLUS YOUR work schedule.....IS IT ANY WONDER WE ARE REAPING THIS? When Most parents could care less about the Church and millions of Christians have no clue in our modernistic churches about a Biblical Worldview IS IT ANY WONDER WE ARE IN THE SHAPE WE ARE IN?
 - Consider: Jeremiah 12:7 I have forsaken mine house, I have left mine heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies.
 - Consider the REASON in 1 Samuel 15. HALF-HEARTEDNESS! HALF-WAY OBEDIENCE!! SAYING WE'VE OBEYED THE LORD BUT WE HAVEN'T!
- ii. 1 Samuel 15:20-26 And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. 21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal. 22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king. 24 And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. 25 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD. 26 And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel.
 - iii. IT WAS DUE TO THE "MERCY" OF SAUL THAT AGAG had a descendent named HAMAN the AGAGITE in the Book of Esther.
 - iv. IT WAS DUE TO THE HALF-WAY OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD that the Jews had GOLIATH and the PHILISTINES to deal with!
 - v. HALF-HEARTEDNESS, HALF-WAY OBEYING GOD IS NOT OBEYING GOD. We cannot say I LOVE JESUS when WE DON'T OBEY HIS COMMANDMENTS – It's NOT THE QUEERS FAULT, IT'S NOT THE GOVERNMENT'S FAULT! IT'S OUR FAULT AMERICA IS LIKE IT IS RIGHT NOW! BECAUSE TOO MANY CHURCHES, PREACHERS, CHRISTIANS HAVE BEEN TOO QUIET FOR FAR TOO LONG. JUDGMENT IS COMING AND ITS COMING FIRST TO GOD'S HOUSE AND GOD'S PEOPLE. IF GOD SPARED NOT THE JEWS WHAT MAKES US THINK HE IS GOING TO SPARE US?
 - vi. FAR TOO MANY CHRISTIANS MERELY WANT TO BE PETTED ON SUNDAY MORNING THEN GO ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS AND FORGET GOD – I'VE DONE MY DUTY GOD NOW BLESS ME

2. The Day Elias Went up - (2 Kings 2:11)

- a. And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.
- b. I'm not going up in a fiery chariot, but in the Rapture.

3. The Days of Noe (Luke 17:26)

- a. Luke 17:27a They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage,
 - b. Matthew 24:38a: For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage,
 - c. TOO MANY LOST AND SAVED GO ABOUT THEIR LIVES DOING AS THEY PLEASE UNTIL WHAM – Somebody's sick, they get in a mess or a pickle or a jam and THEN they call on God.
- 4. The Day that Noe entered into the Ark (Luke 17:27)**
- a. Luke 17:27b - ...until the day that Noe entered into the ark, 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
 - b. Matthew 24:38b - 39 ...until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
 - c. 2 Peter 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;
- 5. The Days of Lot (Luke 17:28)**
- a. Luke 17:28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;
 - i. Life as usual. That's how most events overtake us – OUT OF THE BLUE. BUT, God has told US to WATCH. To BE ALERT. BE VIGILANT. BUT MOST CHURCHES, PREACHERS AND CHRISTIANS ARE ASLEEP!
 - ii. **1 Corinthians 15:34** Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.
 - iii. **Ephesians 5:14-16** Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
 - b. **The Wickedness of the Men of Sodom**
 - i. Genesis 19:4-9 But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: 5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. 6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, 7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. 8 Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof. 9 And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.
 - c. **The Strong Lust of the Men of Sodom**
 - i. Genesis 19:11 And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.
 - d. **The Blindness of Others in Sodom**
 - i. Genesis 19:12-14 And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place: 13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it. 14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.
 - e. **The Destruction of Sodom Came because of the Lack of the Righteous in the City/Nation**
 - i. ABRAHAM'S PLEAS – 50, 45, 40, 30, 20, 10 – In my mind this is the Divine Litmus

- Test Prior to the Destruction of a Country. (Sodom was a City-State or small nation)
- ii. Genesis 18:23-33 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? 24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? 25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? 26 And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes. 27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes: 28 Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it. 29 And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake. 30 And he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there. 31 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake. 32 And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake. 33 And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

6. The Same Day that Lot went out of Sodom (Luke 17:29)

- a. 2 Peter 2:6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; 7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: 8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)
- b. This is why those wicked unregenerates are to be called SODOMITES – Not Homosexuals – That's Politically Correct; Not Gay – That means Happy.

7. The Days of the Son of Man. (Luke 17:26)

- a. Matt 24:37-39 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

8. The Day when the Son of Man is Revealed (Luke 17:30)

- a. We recently finished our look at the Church of Laodicea. The Last and the Lukewarm Church, and that is the time wherein we find ourselves right now here in this age and here in America. Consider why we are seeing what we are seeing:
 - i. Isaiah 1:2-16 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, **I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.** 3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: **but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.** 4 **Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.**
 - ii. 5 Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.
 - Here God is saying I've disciplined you over and over and over – why should I anymore???? It doesn't work. When discipline didn't work in the Old Testament:
 - Deuteronomy 21:18-21 If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them: 19 Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders

of his city, and unto the gate of his place; 20 And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard. 21 And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

- When America removed DISCIPLINE THERE WENT OUR FEAR OF GOD AND THE LAW.
- iii. 6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. 7 Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. 8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.
- iv. 9 Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah. 10 Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.
 - Yep that's AMERICA RIGHT NOW. SEE THE FLAG? IT IS IN A SIGN OF DISTRESS! NOW HEED THE WORD TO THE MAJORITY OF THE CHURCHES!
- v. 11 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. 12 When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? 13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. 14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them. 15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.
- b. JESUS WANTS TO BE REVEALED NOW
 - i. REPENT AND BE SAVED!
 - Isaiah 1:16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;
 - ii. REPENT AND LIVE FOR CHRIST
 - Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.
 - iii. REPENT AND BE READY (You want a better country?) There's only two ways I see this!
 - iv. Hebrews 11:16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.
 - v. God's People need a new Separation, Segregation, Secession from THE UNGODLY, WORLDLY AND ABOMINABLE!
 - vi. 2 Corinthians 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,
 - vii. Revelation 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. Recall: 2 Peter 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: