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Sermon: "The Eliminator"

Today's Text: Luke 14:25-35

Luke 14:25-35 (KJV)

²⁵And there went **great multitudes** with him: and he turned, and said unto them,

²⁶If any man come to me, and **hate** not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, **he cannot be my disciple.**

- Jesus' goal is to make **disciples**, not to draw crowds.
- Christ wants to have **first** place in my life.
- Jesus taught that a **spiritual** relationship supersedes a **natural** relationship.
- Jesus calls His disciples to have such a devotion to Him that their attachment to everything else, including their own lives, would seem like hatred by comparison

Matthew 12:46-50 (KJV)

⁴⁶While he yet talked to the people, behold, **his mother** and **his brethren** stood without, **desiring to speak with him.**

⁴⁷Then one said unto him, **Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without,** desiring to speak with thee.

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⁴⁸But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?

⁴⁹**And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!**

⁵⁰For **whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.**

Matthew 19:27-29 (KJV)

²⁷Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, **we have forsaken all, and followed thee**; what shall we have therefore?

²⁸And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

²⁹**And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.**

Matthew 10:37-39 (KJV)

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³⁷He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

³⁸And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

³⁹He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

- If you do not give Jesus **priority** over every other relationship, every other relationship will take priority over Jesus.
- **God first** is the motto of the Bible.

²⁷And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, **cannot be my disciple.**

²⁸**For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?**

²⁹Lest haply, **after he hath laid the foundation**, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,

Amos 6:1 (KJV)

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¹**Woe to them that are at ease in Zion**, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!

³⁰Saying, **This man** began to build, and was not able to finish.

- We should not be serving Christ on a **trial** basis.

Ecclesiastes 9:11 (KJV)

¹¹I returned, and saw under the sun, that **the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong**, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.

Matthew 24:13 (KJV)

¹³But **he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.**

³¹**Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?**

- Faith involves **risks**.

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³²Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.

³³So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

³⁴Salt is good: **but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?**

³⁵It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

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