

Luke: The Sure and Certain Teacher

I. Luke 1:1-4

Luke sets out to document, defend and declare—the Good News of Jesus, both fulfilled on earth in person (Luke) and from heaven by his Spirit (Acts) so that it continues to be believed in, and declared to all nations, until Jesus returns – with great certainty.

2. Luke's Gospel falls in two broad movements:

I. The Revelation of the Saviour's Glory from Heaven 1:1-9:50

- *The Lord of heaven bringing down the salvation of his Kingdom to men*

The Saviour's revelation of glory begins with rejection on earth – no room in the inn – but ends with him transfigured in heaven's glory

II. The Road to the Saviour's Glory In Heaven 9:51-24:53

- *The Lord of heaven leading men up to salvation in his Kingdom*

Likewise his road to glory begins with rejection – Samaritans refuse to receive Jesus and his followers (9:53), yet their names are already written in heaven (10:20); – it ends with rejection on the cross – but this leads to reception into heaven's glory.

3. Luke 17:11-19:27 Preparation for the Saviour's coming Glory

- The final teaching section in Luke before the Passion, and the Saviour's entry to his glory
- From 9:51 Jesus' teaching is all about the **coming glory of his Kingdom**, and this section answers questions about how and when his KG comes (see 17:20; 19:11 especially).
- There is a great focus on **Salvation**: what this really means, and how it comes, and therefore on the **faith** which *alone prepares* for Christ's coming glory, by opening eyes to see what Salvation really is (and isn't).
- Jesus the King comes as both judge and saviour: and so **real Salvation** is about:
 - **escape from everlasting separation** from his coming Kingdom (17:11-18:14), and
 - **entry into everlasting service** in his coming Kingdom (18:15-19:27).
- ...now, through the *real faith that saves*.

Saving Faith Truly Sees Salvation

- The faith that saves must grasp above all the true meaning of Christ's Kingdom

1. The Message Pictured v11-19

- 10 lepers are healed by Jesus but only one sees (15) with the eye of faith, and is truly *saved*

2. The Message Preached v20-37

- real saving faith **sees** that the gospel is about *ultimate* things; not just about this world, but about the eternal world, and deliverance from the judgment of everlasting death

Christ's Kingdom comes now – in Jesus – and must be recognised and responded to now, by faith

Only that will save at his ultimate coming in glory, which will be:

1. **S**_____ by all (23)
2. **S**_____ to the world (25-30)
3. **S**_____ and **S**_____ (31-33)
4. **S**_____ forever (34-35)
5. **S**_____ beyond all things (37)

- Is this the gospel we are preaching?
- Or are we focussing people's eyes and their longing merely on this world?