Peace:

Peace on Fire

Luke 12:49-51

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1. I haven't come to bring international peace or even interpersonal peace…
2. The peace of God divides and consumes every source of earthly peace that is not Him
3. I've come to bring peace with God and call man to live in radical devotion to their Heavenly Father

Luke 12 in Context

Luke 12:1

Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak:

Sources of False Peace in Luke 12

1. Peace derived from False Teachings
2. Peace derived from Safety and the Prevention of Bodily Harm
3. Peace derived from Compromise
4. Peace derived from Self-Reliance
5. Peace derived from Wealth and Financial Security

Luke 12:1

1. Peace Derived from False Teachings

“Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.”

Luke 12:4-5

2. Peace Derived from Safety and the Prevention of Bodily Harm:

I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.

Luke 9:22

And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

Luke 12:8-9

3. Peace Derived from Compromise:

“I tell you, whoever acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge him before the angels of God. 9 But he who disowns me before men will be disowned before the angels of God.

2 Peter 3:7

...the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

Philippians 3:18-21

For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things.

Philippians 3:18-21

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

The Ultimate End

The Christian man looks at the end times and see's his ultimate peace

The ungodly man looks at the end times and see's his ultimate destruction

Luke 12:11-12

4. Peace Derived from Self-Reliance:

11 “When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, 12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.”

Luke 12:15

5. Peace Derived from Provision and Financial Security:

“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

Luke 12:29-31

And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. 30 For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Luke 12:32-34

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor…34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

James 5:3

Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days.

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Luke 12:52-53

Peace Derived from Family Harmony:

From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

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Luke 12:54-56

54 He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. 55 And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. 56 Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?

The World is heading for total and complete meltdown…literally!

Jesus is the only true source of peace.

Peace that Burns

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Peace that Starts the Fire

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