

Sermon: Compassion for an Unrepentant Church
Scripture: Luke 19:28-48

Introduction: “Palm Sunday”; the last week of Christ’s life before His death on the cross.

- I. An unrepenting Church will always come under the judgment of God (vs. 41-44; Matt. 11:20,21; Luke 13:34,35; 20:9-16).

Application:

- A. Consider major denominations in America today (Rom. 11:19-22).
- B. Don’t take privileges for granted.
- C. Appreciate and improve the privileges you enjoy (Heb. 4:1,2; II Cor. 6:1,2).

- II. An unrepenting Church is always a cause for tears among God’s people (Deut. 9:18,19; Ezra 9:3,4; 10:1; Ps. 119:136; Rom. 9:1-5; Acts 20:19,31; II Cor. 2:4; Phil. 3:17-19).

Application:

A. Reasons for tears:

- 1. Those professing but rejecting Christ.
- 2. Zeal for God’s honor before the world (II Sam. 12:14).
- 3. Unrepentant people invite God’s judgment (I Cor. 11:31,32).
- 4. Sins of people dishonor Lord because of union to sin (I Cor. 6:17,19,20).
- 5. God’s people act contrary to their calling to be light and salt.

B. Objects of tears:

- 1. Professing Christians who have departed from truth.
- 2. Personal and church family in rebellion.
- 3. Those with privileges of hearing truth but indifference to it.

C. Hindrances to our tears:

- 1. Unregenerate, aren’t Christians.
- 2. Proudful, without brokenness over very evident sin (I Cor. 5:1,2).
- 3. Love of world stronger than love for God and others (James 4:4; I John 2:15).
- 4. Love of self, indifferent to others.

D. Objections to tears:

- 1. “I can’t grieve for others; I’m too messed up myself.”
- 2. “I don’t want all this sadness stuff; I became a Christian to be happy; I want to be filled with happy thoughts.”

E. Cultivating of tears:

- 1. Confess your sin of indifference.
- 2. Pray for a heart of genuine compassion to love the Lord and others.
- 3. Adopt the Lord’s priorities:
 - a. The glory of God before your peace and comfort.
 - b. The spiritual welfare of others.