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Luke 12:49-59

Shona

49“Ndakauya kuzobatidza moto panyika, uye ndinoshuva sei kuti dai wakabatidzwa kare! 50Asi ndino rubhabhatidzo rwandichapinda marwuri, uye ndinoshungurudzwa sei kusvikira ruchitika! 51Munofunga kuti ndakauya kuzoisa rugare panyika here? Ndinoti kwamuri kwete, asi kuzopesanisa. 52Kubva zvino vanhu vashanu mumhuri imwe vachapesana, vatatu vachirwa navaviri uye vaviri vachirwa navatatu. 53Vachaparadzana, baba vachirwa nomwanakomana uye mwanakomana achipesana nababa, mai vachipesana nomuroora, muroora achipesana navamwene.” 54Akati kuvanhu vazhinji, “Pamunoona gore richikwira kumavirira, pakarepo munoti, ‘Kuchanaya,’ zvigoita saizvozvo. 55Uye kana mhengo yezasi ichivhuvhuta, imi munoti, ‘Kuchapisa,’ zvoita saizvozvo. 56Vanyengeri! Munoziva kududzira zvamunoona zvenyika nezvedenga. Munotadza sei kududzira nguva ino? 57“Munoregereiko kuzvitongera zvakarurama? 58Paunoenda nomudzivisi wako kumutongi wedzimhosva, edza zvakananyanya kuti muyanane muchiri munzira, kuti arege kukukwekweredzera kumutongi, uye mutongi agokuisa kumupurisa, mupurisa agokuisa mujeri. 59Ndinoti kwauri, haungabudimo usati waripa sendi rokupedzisira.”

Zulu

49“Ngize ukuphonsa umlilo emhlabeni; bengifunisisa kangakanani ukuba nga sewokhelwe. 50 nginombhaphathizo engizakubhaphathizwa ngawo; ngikhathazekile kanjani, uze ufezeke. 51#Math. 10:34Nithi ngize ukuletha ukuthula emhlabeni na? Ngithi kini: Qha, kepha kakhulu ukwahlukana. 52Ngokuba kusukela manje kuyakuba khona abayisihlanu endlini inye bahlukene, abathathu nababili, ababili nabathathu; 53bayakwahlukana, uyise nendodana, indodana noyise; unina nendodakazi, indodakazi nonina; uninazala nomalokazana wakhe, umalokazana noninazala.” 54Wayesethi nakuzo izixuku: “Nxa nibona ifu likhuphuka entshonalanga, masinyane nithi: ‘Iyeza imvula,’ kube njalo. 55Futhi nxa kuphephetha iningizimu, nithi: ‘Lizakubalela,’ kube njalo. 56Bazenzisi, niyakwazi ukuchachisa ukuma komhlaba nokwezulu; kepha yini ukuba ningachachisi lesi sikhathi na? 57“Pho, yini ukuba ninganqumi ngokwenu okulungileyo na? 58Ngokuba, nxa uya enkosini nomelene nawe, ncengisisa usesendleleni ukuba ukhululeke kuye, funa mhlawumbe akuhudulele kumahluleli, umahluleli akunikele kulo iphoyisa, iphoyisa likuphonsa etilongweni. 59Ngithi kuwe: Awusoze waphuma khona, uze ukhokhe ifadingi* lokuphela.”

Swahili

49Nimekuja kutupa moto duniani; na ukiwa umekwisha washwa, ni nini nitakalo zaidi? 5 Nina ubatizo unipasao kubatiziwa, nami nina dhiki kama nini hata utimizwe! 51Je! Mwadhani ya kwamba nimekuja kuleta amani duniani? Nawaambia, La, sivyo, bali mafarakano. 52Kwa kuwa tokea sasa katika nyumba moja watakuwamo watu watano wamefarakana, watatu kwa wawili, wawili kwa watatu. 53Watafarakana baba na mwanawe, na mwana na babaye; mama na binti yake, na binti na mamaye; mkwe mtu na mkwewe, mkwe na mkwe mtu. 54Akawaambia makutano pia, Kila mwonapo wingu likizuka pande za magharibi mara husema, Mvua inakuja; ikawa hivyo. 55Na kila ivumapo kaskazi, husema, Kutakuwa na joto; na ndivyo ilivyo. 56Enyi wanafiki, mwajua kuutambua uso wa nchi na mbingu; imekuwaje, basi, kuwa hamjui kutambua majira haya? 57Na mbona ninyi wenyewe kwa nafsi zenu hamwamui yaliyo haki? 58Maana, unapofuatana na mshitaki wako kwenda kwa mwamuzi, hapo njiani fanya bidii kupatanishwa naye, asije akakuburuta mpaka mbele ya kadhi; yule kadhi akakutia mikononi mwake mwenye kulipiza, na yule mwenye kulipiza akakutupa gereza. 59Nakuambia, Hutoki humo kamwe hata uishe kulipa senti ya mwisho.

Afrikaans

49“Ek het gekom om vuur op die aarde aan te steek, en hoe wens Ek dat dit al aan die brand is! 50“Maar daar is 'n doop waarmee Ek gedoop moet word, en dit sal My heeltemal in beslag neem tot dit afgehandel is! 51Dink julle dat Ek gekom het om vrede op die aarde te bring? Nee, sê Ek vir julle, eerder verdeeldheid, 52want van nou af sal daar vyf mense in een huis onderling verdeeld wees, drie teen twee en twee teen drie. 53Hulle sal verdeeld wees: vader teen seun en seun teen vader, moeder teen dogter en dogter teen moeder, skoonmoeder teen skoondogter en skoondogter teen skoonmoeder.” 54Jesus het ook vir die skare gesê: “As julle 'n wolk in die weste sien opkom, sê julle dadelik: ‘Dit gaan reën!’ en dit gebeur ook. 55En as die suidewind waai, sê julle: ‘Dit gaan warm word!’ en dit word warm. 56Huigelaars! Julle weet hoe om die voorkoms van die aarde en die lug te beoordeel. Hoe is dit dan dat julle nie weet hoe om hierdie tyd te beoordeel nie?” 57“Waarom maak julle nie vir julleself uit wat die regte ding is om te doen nie? 58“Terwyl jy saam met jou teenstander op pad is hof toe, moet jy moeite doen om die saak met hom te skik, sodat hy jou nie voor die regter sleep en die regter jou aan die polisie oorgee en die polisie jou in die tronk sit nie. 59Ek verseker jou: Jy sal sekerlik nie daar uitkom voordat jy die laaste sent betaal het nie.”

Sermon Summary:

One of the most common objections to Jesus is that He is divisive. There are some wrong responses to this objection. One wrong response would be to absolutely deny it. The biblical Jesus is divisive. That's part of why He came. He came to divide. Instead of ignoring the fact that Jesus divided and still divides people, we should seek to understand it. The problem is not with Jesus. The problem is with people. The good news is that God is able to use

sinful people's rejection of Jesus to accomplish His great plan. In order to bring peace on earth, God first has to bring judgment. So what has He done, He poured out His judgment on Jesus first. Before Jesus comes as judge for sinners, He came to experience the judgment for sins. And that makes this moment we are living in very important. If Jesus hadn't come, hadn't been rejected, there wouldn't be any division, there would only be one group, and that is those who are judged forever, but Jesus has come and experienced God's judgment, so that you wouldn't have to. But you have to make a decision, and the decision you make about Jesus now, will impact you forever.

Discussion Questions:

1. Let's read Luke 12:49 through 59 together.

What stands out to you from this passage? What questions do you have from this passage?

2. In the previous passage, Jesus has said that he is going to return and when he returns he is going to separate the whole world into two groups, those who are waiting for Him and those who aren't. Those who are waiting for Him will be blessed, and those who aren't will be judged. Saying something like that gets many unbelievers upset. What kind of objections do unbelievers often bring up if we make that kind of statement about Jesus?
3. It might have been confusing for the disciples to hear Jesus speaking about being rejected, dying, ascending to heaven, and coming again. What were they expecting to happen when the Messiah came? Hint, look at verse 51. How do you think they would have naturally answered this question?
4. Jesus assures them that he is going to keep the promises we find in the Old Testament in verse 49, when he says he came to cast fire on the earth. What does it mean to cast fire on the earth? How does John the Baptist and the Old Testament prophets help us understand this statement?
5. What would happen to us if Jesus came the first time to judge the earth? There wouldn't be any division, that's for sure. Why?
6. Before Jesus comes to cast fire on the earth, he needs to be baptized with a certain baptism. What is that baptism? What does Jesus say his attitude is towards it? Why? And how does this show us the mercy of God?
7. One reason Jesus came was to divide God's people from the unrepentant, and He would do this on the basis of their relationship with Him. Either they will be hidden with Him, or they will experience the coming judgment of God by themselves. That makes responding properly to His coming urgent. Why were the crowds not responding properly according to verses

54-56 and what does that tell us about why people don't respond properly to Jesus even now?

8. Instead of making excuses for refusing to submit to Jesus, what should we do, according to verses 57 to 59? Explain the story Jesus tells and give the application?
9. How does a person make things right with God before it is too late?
10. Obviously this passage has great application to unbelievers, but it also has an application to us as believers, and one of the applications is that we need to share the gospel. The decision a person makes about Jesus is the most important decision they make in their life, because it impacts not just their life now, but their lives forever. We need to be serious and urgent about sharing the gospel and calling people to make a commitment to Christ. Is there anyone in your life you know you should share the gospel with but are afraid to? Can we pray for you about that? What can you do this week to tell others about Jesus?