

BIBLEWAY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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“DON’T GET

CAUGHT

LACKING!”

RESPONSIVE READING:

Daniel 5:17-28 NKJV

SERMON TEXT:

Luke 12:16-21

NKJV & AMP

RESPONSIVE READING:

Daniel 5:17-28 NKJV

¹⁷ Then Daniel answered, and said before the king, “Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another; yet I will read the writing to the king, and make known to him the interpretation.

¹⁸ O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father [ancestor] a kingdom and majesty, glory and honor.

¹⁹ And because of the majesty that He gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him.

**Whoever he wished, he executed;
whomever he wished, he kept alive;
whomever he wished, he set up; and
whomever he wished, he put down.**

²⁰ But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him.

²¹ Then he was driven from the sons of men, his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling *was* with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses.

²² “But you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, although you knew all this.

²³ And you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven. They have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your concubines, have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, bronze and iron, wood and stone, which do not see or hear or know; and the God who *holds* your breath in His hand and owns all your ways, you have not glorified.

²⁴ Then the fingers of the hand were sent from Him, and this writing was written.

²⁵ “And this is the inscription that was written:

MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

²⁶ This *is* the interpretation of *each* word.

MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it;

²⁷ TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting;

²⁸ PERES: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

SERMON TEXT:

Luke 12:16-21 NKJV

¹⁶ Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully.

¹⁷ And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’

¹⁸ So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.

¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry.”
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²⁰ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’

²¹ “So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is **not rich** toward God.”

Luke 12:16-21AMP

¹⁶ Then He told them a parable, saying, “There was a rich man whose land was very fertile *and* productive.

¹⁷ And he began thinking to himself, ‘What shall I do, since I have no place [**large enough in which**] to store my crops?’

¹⁸ Then he said, ‘This is what I will do: I will tear down my storehouses and build larger ones, and I will store all my grain and my goods there.

¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many good things stored up, [**enough**] for many years; rest *and* relax, eat, drink and be merry (**celebrate continually**).””

²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This *very* night your soul is required of you; and *now* who will own all the things you have prepared?’

²¹ So it is for the one who continues to store up *and* hoard possessions for himself, and is not rich [in his relationship] toward God.”

I. The Worst Thing You Can Do In Life Is See The Sins of Your Fathers Past and Present And Ignore The Judgement And Punishment They Received!

II. You must know that too many times there is not that much distance between affirmation and acclamation!

III. We also have lost from Christianity—almost all together—what used to be called “religious fear”...and along with our loss of religious fear has come

a corresponding flippancy and familiarity toward God that our fathers never knew.--A. W. Tozer

Introduction:

To Be Caught Lacking Means To Be Caught Doing Something You Did Not Want Others To See [Or] Being Caught By The Enemy (Opps) Without A Weapon To Defend Yourself.

In Islam, deeds are weighed on scales, and your eternal destiny depends on whether your good outweighs your bad.

In Sikhism, karma determines whether you achieve liberation or remain stuck in the cycle of rebirth. These systems focus entirely on human effort, on trying to do enough.

Christianity turns that idea upside down. Salvation is a gift, but how we live still matters.

This parable shows us, first, that the present life is short and transitory. Secondly, it points out to us, that riches are of no avail for prolonging life. We must add a third to ask from the Lord for our daily bread, and to rely on his providence alone, whether we are rich or poor.

THE WORLD SAYS GET ALL YOU CAN GET, KEEP IT TO YOURSELF AND LET EVERYBODY SEE YOU AND WHAT YOU GOT. WHAT YOU GOT IS A WHOLE FOOL. YOU CAN HAVE MUCH AND

STILL BE LACKING, DON'T GET CAUGHT LACKING! *This Man Was Not Rich toward God.* Has no inheritance in the kingdom of God—no riches laid up in heaven. His affections are all fixed on this world, and he has none for God.

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

Daniel 5:26-28 NKJV

²⁶ This is the interpretation of *each* word. MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it;
²⁷ TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting;
²⁸ PERES: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.”^l

John 10:10 AMP

¹⁰ “The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).”

Luke 12:48 KJV

48 For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

CONCLUSION:

"What is the purpose of man, according to the Bible?"

Answer: The Bible makes it abundantly clear that God created man and that He created him for His glory. Therefore, the ultimate purpose of man, according to the Bible, is simply to glorify God.

You Can Play With God And Disrespect Him If You Want To, But There Are Serious And Dire Consequences.

We Are In Serious and Demanding Times. Will You Stand Up And Be Counted? To Whom Much Is Given, Much Will Be Required!

DON'T GET CAUGHT LACKING WITH YOUR LIFE OR YOUR DISCIPLESHIP, DO NOT MISTAKE YOUR PROSPERITY AND

**COMFORT FOR THE FULNESS AND
CONTENTMENT THAT ONLY JESUS CAN
PROVIDE AND HAVE YOUR SOUL
REQUIRED.**

**DO YOU KNOW JESUS IN THE
PARDON OF YOUR SINS?
THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH IS OPEN.**

BENEDICTION:

**Jude 1:24 Now unto him that is
able to keep you from falling,
and to present you faultless
before the presence of his glory
with exceeding joy,**

**Jude 1:25 To the only wise God
our Saviour, be glory and
majesty, dominion, and power,
both now and ever. Amen.**