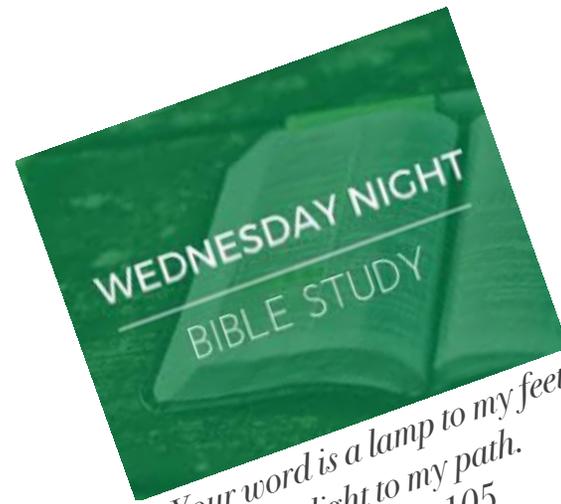


Luke 21:20-38

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Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.
Psalms 119:105



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LUKE 21

Maintaining the temple (1–4). Many of the religious leaders were corrupt, but the temple was still the place where God put His name and where sincere people could worship Him. Jesus did not criticize the people for supporting the temple ministry ([Matt. 23:1–3](#)), but He did notice what they gave. The *proportion*, not the portion, is important. Those who give “the widow’s mite” give their all, not their least.

Destroying the temple (5–36). This is Luke’s version of the Olivet Discourse found also in [Matthew 24–25](#) and [Mark 13](#). He is the only gospel writer who deals with our Lord’s prediction of the fall of Jerusalem, which occurred in A.D. 70 (vv. [20–24](#)). The rest of his report describes events in the last days before the return of Jesus Christ to earth. It will be a time of testing and testimony, oppression and opportunity, vengeance and victory.

Ministering in the temple (37–38). As a boy of twelve, Jesus discussed the Word in the temple ([2:41–50](#)); and He spent the last week before His death teaching the Word in His Father’s house. He was hated by the religious leaders, and the temple was a den of thieves; but needy people were there, and Jesus taught them. He was quick to seize the opportunity, and the people were glad to hear Him.

1. If you believe that Jesus’ return could come any time soon, how much has your awareness of His return affected your life this past week? Did it affect how you spent your time?
2. Does His return fill you with hope when you are faced with a trial or crisis? Does it enable you to resist temptation as you think about what it will be like standing before Jesus on that Great Day?
3. What kind of “signs” have you seen in your lifetime that remind you of what Jesus is talking about in verses [25-27](#)? What two events, 1) the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, and 2) the end of time, have in common?
4. How can a Christian grow in discernment, so as not to be taken in by spiritual deception? How can we prepare ourselves now to stand up under persecution when it comes to our land?