

Morning Sermon February 22, 2015

"The Fall of Judas" Luke 22:1-23

I. Judas had a God-ordained role in Jesus' death –

²⁰ Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. ²¹ "But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table. ²² "And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!" (Luke 22:20-22 NKJ)

1. Jesus' death was planned by God – "And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined..." Luke 22:22
 - A. Judas is the betrayer - :22
 - B. He is the ultimate fulfillment of Psalm 41:9

In the Book of John Jesus referred to this Scripture –

¹⁸ "I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me." (John 13:18 NKJ)

⁹ Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me. (Psalm 41:9 NKJ)

2. Judas was Jesus' Ahithophel, remember Ahithophel, he was -
 - A. David's close friend – "King David's friend who so grievously betrayed him" R. Kent Hughes
 - B. David's trusted advisor
 - C. Yet when Absalom rebelled against his father David, Ahithophel chooses Absalom much like Judas chooses to side with those plotting to kill Jesus –

² And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill Him, for they feared the people. ³ Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. ⁴ So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them. ⁵ And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. (Luke 22:2-5 NKJ)

- D. Both Judas and Ahithophel share / eat bread one with David, one with the Son of David Jesus Christ
 - E. They were both "hoof (heel) lifters" – has lifted up his heel against Me." (John 13:18 NKJ) Has lifted up his heel against me. (Psalm 41:9 NKJ)

Verse 9.—"Hath lifted up his heel against me." In this phrase he seems to allude to a beast's kicking at his master by whom he is fed, or the custom of men's spurning at or trampling upon those that are cast down on the ground, in a way of despise and contempt.—Arthur Jackson.

F. Both end up hanging themselves –

²³ Now when Ahithophel saw that his advice was not followed, he saddled a donkey, and arose and went home to his house, to his city. Then he put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died; and he was buried in his father's tomb. (2Samuel 17:23 NKJ)

³ Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, ⁴ saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!" ⁵ Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself. (Matthew 27:3-5 NKJ)

3. Judas was the Son of Perdition –

¹² "While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. (John 17:12 NKJ)

ἀπώλεια apoleia {ap-o'-li-a}

Meaning: 1) destroying, utter destruction 1a) of vessels 2) a perishing, ruin, destruction 2a) of money 2b) the destruction which consists of eternal misery in hell

Judas is "the" son of perdition a sad, sad name. From the very top he fell, to the very depths of Hell! Yet, he is not alone bearing this moniker, he shares it with:

A. Those who LOVE money –

⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. (1Ti 6:9-10 NKJ)

B. The anti-Christ –

³ Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God

or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 NKJ)

C. *The Beast* –

⁸ "The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition.... ¹¹ "And the beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition... ¹⁴ "These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those *who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.*" (Revelation 17:8-14 NKJ)

II. *Judas carried out this role in spite of the LOVE of Christ*

^{NKJ} John 13:1 Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. (John 13:1 NKJ)

1. *Jesus had washed Judas' feet*
2. *Judas sat in a place of honor*
3. *Jesus spoke the truth to Judas –*

²¹ Now as they were eating, He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." ²² And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, "Lord, is it I?" ²³ He answered and said, "He who dipped *his* hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. ²⁴ "The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born."

²⁵ Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it." (Matthew 26:21-25 NKJ)

4. *He had seen Jesus' miracles*
5. *He had heard Jesus' teachings*
6. *He had participated in Jesus power, healing the sick and casting out demons*
7. *He had tasted –*

⁴ For *it is impossible* for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,

⁶ if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame. (Hebrews 6:4-6 NKJ)

8. *He was privileged and yet he made the HORRIBLE choice ...*

III. *Judas made his choice with others, who were not his true friends –*

² And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill Him, for they feared the people. ³ Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. ⁴ So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them. ⁵ And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. ⁶ So he promised and sought opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of the multitude. (Luke 22:2-6 NKJ)

1. *They were glad - :5 and agreed to give him MONEY, there is a short lived happy fellowship the sons of perdition have ...*
2. *These were the other Lovers of Money, those He had driven out of the Temple –*

⁴⁵ Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it, ⁴⁶ saying to them, "It is written, 'My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of thieves." (Luke 19:45-46 NKJ)

³ Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. ⁴ Then one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, who would betray Him, said, ⁵ "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" ⁶ This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. ⁷ But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial." ⁸ "For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always." (John 12:3-8 NKJ)

⁹ "For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to *the* poor." ¹⁰ But when Jesus was aware of *it*, He said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me. ¹¹ "For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always. ¹² "For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did *it* for My burial. ¹³ "Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her." ¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him. (Matthew 26:9-16 NKJ)

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