



1. Read _____ (vv.54-56)

A.

B.

C.

Luke 12:54 He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens. **55** And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. **56** You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time? (ESV)

2. Don't _____ (v.56)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 Thessalonians 5:2-11**. In what way does today's popular view of Christianity differ from the perspective presented to us in this passage? How can one be "encouraged" (v.11) with this outlook, even while many abandon this perspective because they feel it is too negative?
2. Read **Psalms 19:1-6** and **Romans 1:18-25**. In what specific ways can you correlate aspects of God's creation with God's holy standards and our sin problem?
3. Read **Proverbs 27:12** and **2 Corinthians 5:11**. How might you plainly, forthrightly, yet diplomatically provide more of this biblical concern in your evangelism?
4. Read **Psalms 32:5-7**. Why is it impossible to appropriately respond to the "Good News" of the gospel until we realize the bad news of sin and impending judgment?
5. Read **Isaiah 30:8-11**. While we often think of "non-Christians" possessing this attitude, how can genuine followers of Christ subtly fall into a form of this kind of thinking? What are some of the symptoms that you have?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

February 28th

Num.21-23 & Mk.7:14-8:10

March 1st

Num.24-27 & Mk.8:11-38

March 2nd

Num.28-29 & Mk.9:1-29

March 3rd

Num.30-31 & Mk.9:30-50

March 4th

Num.32-33 & Mk.10:1-31

March 5th

Num.34-36 & Mk.10:32-52

March 6th

Deut.1-2 & Mk.11:1-19

March 7th

Deut.3-4 & Mk.11:20-33

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

- Msg. 07-16 – **Believing All of God's Promises About the Future**
- Msg. 08-22 – **Sin & God's Necessary Aversion to It**
- Msg. 08-34 – **No More Excuses About the Man in the Jungle**
- Msg. 06-05 – **The Nature & Impact of God's Written Revelation**
- Msg. 10-16 – **A Biblical Perspective on a Fallen World**
- Msg. 12-16 – **When God Speaks**
- Msg. 15-28 – **Obstacles on the Road to Christ: Insularity**

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

#FEARandfears

For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Bunyan, John. **A Few Sighs from Hell**. Reprint. Diggory Press, 2007.
- Copan, Paul. **True for You But Not for Me: Overcoming Objections to Christian Faith**. Bethany House, 2009.
- DeYoung, Donald B. **Our Created Moon: Earth's Fascinating Neighbor**. New Leaf Publishing, 2010.
- Dixon, Larry. **The Other Side of the Good News: Confronting the Challenges to Jesus' Teaching on Hell**. Victor, 1992.
- Erickson, Millard. **Postmodernizing the Faith: Evangelical Responses to Postmodernism**. Baker Books, 1998.
- Frank, Arnold L. **The Fear of God: A Forgotten Doctrine**. Second Edition. Nordskog Publishing, 2008.
- Gerstner, John. **Jonathan Edwards on Heaven and Hell**. Baker Books, 1980.
- Gillen, Alan L. **Body by Design: An Anatomy & Physiology of the Human Body**. Master Books, 1992.
- House, Paul. **Who Will Be Saved? Defending the Biblical Understanding of God & Salvation**. Crossway, 2000.
- MacArthur, John. **The Vanishing Conscience: Drawing the Line in a No-Fault, Guilt-Free World**. Thomas Nelson, 2005.
- McGrath, Alister. **A Fine-Tuned Universe: The Quest for God in Science and Theology**. Westminster John Knox, 2009.
- Morgan, Christopher W. **Hell Under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents Eternal Punishment**. Zondervan, 2004.
- Peterson, Robert. **Hell on Trial: The Case for Eternal Punishment**. P & R Publishing, 1995.
- Phillips, Richard, et al. **Only One Way? Reaffirming the Exclusive Truth Claims of Christianity**. Crossway, 2007.
- Richardson, Don. **Eternity in Their Hearts**. Regal Books, 1981.