

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

**MORNING MESSAGE**

“The Last Generation”

Luke 21:29-36

- I. THE SIGN OF THE LAST GENERATION (vv.29-31)
  - A. It is a simple parable (vv.29-30)
  - B. It is a symbolic parable (v.31)
    1. Hosea 9:10, “I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the firstripe (first fruit) in the fig tree at her first time”
  - C. It is a significant parable
    1. Israel became a nation on May 14, 1968
- II. THE SURETY OF THE LAST GENERATION (vv.32-33)
  - A. The people of the last generation (v.32)
    1. Is it the people of the generation Jesus was speaking to?
    2. Is it the people of the generation when Israel became a nation?
    3. Is it the people of the generation alive during the Tribulation?
  - B. The planet of the last generation (v.33a)
    1. Matthew 5:18, “For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass away...”
    2. 2 Peter 3:10, “the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the element shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up”
    3. Revelation 21:1, “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away”
  - C. The permanence of the last generation (v.33b)
    1. Psalm 119:89, “Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven”
    2. Isaiah 40:8, “The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the Word of God shall stand forever”
- III. THE SEPARATION OF THE LAST GENERATION (vv.34-36)
  - A. Be vigilant of your testimony (vv.34-35)
    1. Don’t let your heart be “overcharged”
      - a. “Overcharged” means to be burdened, troubled, or overcome
    2. Don’t be guilty of “surfeiting, and drunkenness”
      - a. “Drunkenness” means to be intoxicated and “surfeiting” means to be nauseated; they go together
    3. Don’t be captured by “the cares of this world”
      - a. NAS, “the worries of life”
  - B. Be vigilant for your triumph (v.36)