

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

A Message of Hope and Fulfillment For Those Longing For God

Instructions for the Seventy

Luke 10: 1-16

Luke is the only writer to record the mission and sending out of the seventy. This event occurs late in Jesus' public ministry (probably the last 6-12 months) and has no restrictions regarding the cities of the Samaritans. It appears to be the final preparation of the region for Jesus' ministry as He is on a slow journey toward Jerusalem.

I. The Key Points of the Commission: Instructions for the Journey

- A. Prayer (v2)—pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers
- B. Persecution (v3)—You go as sheep among the wolves
- C. Provision (vv4-8)—Take no provision, accept whatever you are given
- D. Proclamation (v9)—Heal the sick and proclaim the Kingdom of God
- E. Protest (vv10-11)—Shake the dust off your feet in protest when rejected

II. The Good News is Accompanied by Woe and Judgment

- A. Woe to you Chorazin, Woe to you Bethsaida
It will be better for Tyre and Sidon than for you in the day of judgment
See Ezekiel 28:1-26 for the very strong (and peculiar) prophecy of judgment against Tyre and Sidon.
- B. And you Capernaum, you will be brought down to hell!
This was Jesus' home and headquarters during His Galilean ministry
- C. He who listens to you, listens to Me, and he who rejects you rejects Me
- D. Cities and nations bear the judgment of God against the behavior of the people

Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come. And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no money belt, no bag, no shoes; and greet no one on the way. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house.' If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in that house, eating and drinking what they give you; for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not keep moving from house to house. Whatever city you enter and they receive you,

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eat what is set before you; and heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whatever city you enter and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your city which clings to our feet we wipe off in protest against you; yet be sure of this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' I say to you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that city. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had been performed in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgment than for you. And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will be brought down to Hades! "The one who listens to you listens to Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me; and he who rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me."

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