



The Peace of
Messianic Salvation is
not Peace on Earth

Luke 12:49-59

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Jesus came to bring division and
judgment

■ **Luke 12:49**

I have come to cast fire upon the earth;
and how I wish it were already kindled!



Jesus must suffer and die

■ **Luke 12:50**

But I have a baptism to undergo, and how
distrressed I am until it is accomplished!



“Peace” is determined by one’s response to Jesus and is not universal

■ **Luke 12:51, 52**

Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division; for from now on five members in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three.



“Peace” comes to those on whom God’s favor rests

■ **Luke 2:14**

Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.



True peace only comes to those who are right with God

■ **Isaiah 48:22**

“There is no peace for the wicked,” says the Lord.



Jesus predicts family division

■ **Luke 12:53**

“They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”



Micah 7:6 describes family division

■ **Micah 7:6, 7**

For son treats father contemptuously,
Daughter rises up against her mother,
Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
A man's enemies are the men of his own household. But as for me, I will watch expectantly for the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me.



They can read weather signs accurately

■ **Luke 12:54, 55**

And He was also saying to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘A shower is coming,’ and so it turns out. And when you see a south wind blowing, you say, ‘It will be a hot day,’ and it turns out that way.”



They cannot read the obvious signs that Messianic salvation has come

■ **Luke 12:56**

You hypocrites! You know how to analyze the appearance of the earth and the sky, but why do you not analyze this present time?



“Judge” the signs or be judged!

■ **Luke 12:57, 58**

And why do you not even on your own initiative judge what is right? For while you are going with your opponent to appear before the magistrate, on your way there make an effort to settle with him, so that he may not drag you before the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison.



The penalty is certain and inescapable

■ **Luke 12:59**

I say to you, you will not get out of there until you have paid the very last cent.

 **Implications and Applications**

- 1) The coming of God in the person of Christ means judgment
- 2) When we receive God's peace we receive the world's hostility
- 3) Now is the crucial moment in history

 1) The coming of God in the person of Christ means judgment

- **John 3:17**
For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him.
- **John 9:39**
And Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see; and that those who see may become blind."

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- **John 3:18**
He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

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■ **John 3:19**

And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil.

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■ **John 3:36**

He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

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■ **John 16:7, 8**

But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment;



2) When we receive God's peace we receive the world's hostility

■ **John 16:33**

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.



2) When we receive God's peace we receive the world's hostility

■ **John 15:18, 19**

If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.



3) Now is the crucial moment in history

■ **Revelation 1:3**

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.



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■ **Romans 13:11, 12**

And this do, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. The night is almost gone, and the day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.



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