



## SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 12:49-59 (NAS)

Topic: %Christianity Creates Division+

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49 "I have come to cast fire upon the earth; and how I wish it were already kindled!  
50 "But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished!  
51 "Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division;  
52 for from now on five members in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three.  
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."  
54 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.  
55 "And when you see a south wind blowing, you say, 'It will be a hot day,' and it turns out that way.  
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?  
57 "And why do you not even on your own initiative judge what is right?  
58 "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.  
59 "I say to you, you will not get out of there until you have paid the very last cent."

### I. WATER SHED EVENTS

- A. National
- B. Personal
  - 1. The choice to trust Christ
  - 2. The choice to reject Christ

### II. THE FIRE

- A. Purification
- B. Judgement *Luke 12 4, 8-9, 20-21*

### III. THE BAPTISM

- A. The Cross For Christ *II Corinthians 5:21*
- B. The Source Of Our Purification

### IV. THE DIVISION OF FAMILIES

- A. Those That Choose Christ
- B. Those That Reject Him

### V. WISDOM TO DISCERN EARTHLY MATTERS

- A. The Weather
- B. Settle A Matter Out Of Court

**CONCLUSION: Will You Not Be Wise Enough To Settle The Most Important Matter Of Life?**