

PULPIT MINISTRY 2009

JANUARY Theme: **“Do not worry about your life”**

MORNING WORSHIP

4 January 2009

Title: **“One’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possess”**

Text: **Luke 12:13-21**

(I) THE QUEST OF SEEKING TO COMPREHEND THE MEANING OF LIFE

- 1. The quest of the writer of Ecclesiastes**
- 2. A major preoccupation even in the days of Jesus**
- 3. The secular/worldly mindset is focused on this earthly life**

(II) AN IMPORTANT ISSUE: INHERITANCE LAWS

“Then one from the crowd said to Him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’ ”
Luke 12:13

1. Inheritance laws (Mosaic Law concerning Inheritance, Numbers 36)

- a) Laws to govern even inheritance
- b) To ensure social stability in the land
- c) To uphold Divine justice

2. The issue before Jesus

- a) An issue of conflict between brothers
- b) An issue involving inheritance

(III) AN OUTRIGHT REFUSAL

“But He said to him, ‘Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?’ ” **Luke 12:14**

- 1. His Mission from God was not to function as a Judge**
- 2. His Mission from God was not to be an Arbitrator**
- 3. Jesus refused to get involved in such issues as Inheritance Laws**

(IV) MORE IMPORTANT ISSUES

*“And He said to them, saying, ‘Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.’” **Luke 12:15***

1. What is covetousness?

- a) It is a desire for abundance
- b) It is a desire for more of everything

2. Wherein is the danger of covetousness

It beclouds our comprehension of what life is all about

3. What is life all about?

*“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” **Mark 8:36-37***

- a) Concern for the soul
- b) Concern about the possibility of losing one’s soul
- c) Nothing is more precious than the soul!