

Luke 7:31-50

- ✚ Our text this morning puts forth two types of children: children of foolishness and children of wisdom.
 - ✚ The Bible calls one, the sons of light, children of the Father, Sons of God, and the other children of darkness, sons of the devil, sons of Hell.
 - ✚ These two groups are depicted in back to back stories: one, a parable and the other a story of real life.
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1. The Parable of the Brats.

- ✓ **Luke 7:31-35** Tremendously important because it is Jesus' assessment. He basically calls them brats; they can't be satisfied or pleased, like spoiled, bratty children.
 - ✓ It's a category of people who will never be pleased with God's
 - ✓ messengers because they hate God's message.
 - ✓ The Gospel has to be obeyed, **2nd Thessalonians 1:8**.
 - ✓ **Verses 32-34**; This is the only reference in the Bible to games being played by children.
 - ✓ The marketplace doubled as the playground for children when the markets were closed.
 - ✓ Children played games then, similar to the way they play games now; they mimicked the adults.
 - ✓ The largest social events of the day were weddings and funerals, the happiest and saddest times of the culture.
 - ✓ Jesus likens His and John's ministries to these happiest and saddest of times, but they certainly weren't games; nevertheless, the people treated them as such.
 - ✓ John's was to them a funeral game; he preached judgment, words of woe and warning and repentance to escape wrath, but they didn't want to play.
 - ✓ Jesus also preached repentance and judgment, but He mainly preached grace, forgiveness, and mercy. They didn't like that either.
 - ✓ They actually hated the message; John preached repentance; "We have nothing to repent of." Jesus preached grace and mercy; "We don't need grace and mercy; we've earned our place in heaven." They hated those messages, so they demonized the messengers.
 - ✓ It's never the messenger that's the issue; it's the message. It's not the ministry; it's the message they can't stomach. They were brats, spoiled children.
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2. The Children in Real Life

- ✓ **Verses 36-50, verse 36**; This isn't what it appears; this man is seeking to gather information about Jesus so he can get rid of Him; he didn't have Him over to be nice.
 - ✓ He's just tolerating Jesus; we know that because he doesn't offer Jesus any of the customary things, like a kiss or to wash the dust off His feet.
 - ✓ He's a brat and only interested in finding something he can use against Jesus.
 - ✓ Among the crowd in the home of this spoiled child is a child of God; we know it by the way she acts, **verses 37-38**.
 - ✓ She's not a spoiled child; she's a child of wisdom, a child of God. **V.35**
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Luke 7: Children of Foolishness and Children of Wisdom

- ✓ **Verse 39;** Do you think He didn't know? He was the One who would pay for her sins.
 - ✓ **Verses 40-47.**
 - ✓ **Verse 48;** The greatest words we will ever hear.
 - ✓ **Verses 49-50;** Faith is the only thing that ever will save anybody; it's not enough to know He's the Savior or call Him Lord, you have to place your entire faith in Him to save you and forgive you.
 - ✓ All of His followers went into a state of depression when Jesus died; they should have been rejoicing due primarily to popular influences. Think about how powerful the influence of popular thought was when Jesus tells His disciples He's going to die; Peter rebukes Him!
 - ✓ We have lots of inaccurate popular influences in Christian culture today promising health, wealth, property, and success; there are no promises in the Scriptures to that effect. People who preach and teach that stuff are programming people for doubt.
 - ✓ You have a view of God's plan that isn't God's plan? You will be infected with doubt sooner or later. Take your doubts to the Savior; quench your doubts with the truth.
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