When Jesus Wept over Jerusalem
Luke 19:41-44

Introduction:
   A. Only two recorded times when Jesus wept:
      1. Over his beloved friend — Lazarus (cf. John 11:35)
      2. Over his beloved city — Jerusalem.
   B. Jesus knew the future of Jerusalem (vv. 43-44).
   C. Jesus may have been saddened by the conditions that would bring destruction as destruction itself.

Discussion:

I. They Had Rejected His Offers of Salvation (Matt. 23:37).
   A. Had neglected or rejected all his efforts.
      1. His preaching.
      2. His signs
      3. His patience.
   B. We must not neglect or reject his efforts toward us (Heb. 2:3).
      1. His love and sacrifice (John 3:16).
      2. His apostles.
      3. The Scriptures
      4. Providential efforts of other interested parties.

II. They Had Become Blinded to Their Need of Salvation (v. 42).
   A. Blindness often follows rejected opportunities.
      1. Those who rejected Jesus as light (John 12:35-41): Opportunity (vv. 35-36); rejection (vv. 37,38); blindness (vv. 39, 40).
      2. Those who do not love truth (2 Thess. 2:10-12).
      3. Those who depart from the faith (1 Tim. 4:3; cf Eph. 4:17-19).
   B. Blindness can often be detected by asking:
      1. How do you feel about the story of Jesus — his love, sacrifice, etc? (Cf. Acts 2:36)
      2. How do you feel about his death for you? (Heb. 5:8, 9).
      3. How do you feel about the need to obey him?
      4. How do you feel about the prospect of heaven?
      5. How do you feel about the threat of hell?

III. They Had Brought on Their Own Destruction.
   A. Jesus would have, but they would not (Mt. 23:37).
   B. We can only blame ourselves for destruction (cf. 2 Pet. 2:1).
      1. Destruction that defied God’s longsuffering (2 Pet. 3:9).
      2. Destruction worse than Jerusalem’s in A.D. 70 (Heb. 10:26-29; Mark 9:43-48).

Conclusion:
   A. How do you suppose Jesus would react to our situation?
   B. How do we plan to escape if we neglect our opportunities?
   C. What is there to keep us to becoming hardened?
   D. Who can we blame if we are destroyed?