Luke 12:49-53

Jesus's purpose is going to occasion <u>unpleasant</u> events.

- The <u>sanctification</u> of the world is often hard and painful.
- Matt. 19:23, "only with difficulty will a rich man enter the kingdom of heaven."

The sanctification of man involves...

THE ANGUISH OF PURIFICATION

- He came to cast <u>fire</u> on the earth.
- He wished that it was already kindled
 - I wish that fire was lit in us.

Purify ourselves. We become addicted to sin and need spiritual detoxification.

Light this <u>fire</u> in the world. There is going to be <u>resistance</u>. Men love the <u>darkness</u>. They are going to <u>push</u> <u>back</u> when exposed to the <u>Light</u>.

We are going to be called chauvinist, arrogant, judgmental, holier than thou, hypocrites, bigots, sectarian, Jesus freaks, and ignorant.

But our Father calls us saints.

The sanctification of man involves...

THE AGONY OF JESUS

He was speaking of his crucifixion.

"How am I constrained."

Pressed with anxiety.

Lived knowing his destiny.

Served God under duress.

The sanctification of man involves...

THE ACHE OF SEPARATION

Relationships will be severed.

Going to be a lot of hurt.

Boles says that there would be "division among those bound by the closest of ties.



The sanctification of man is not always easy, but "to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, HE WILL GIVE ETERNAL LIFE."- Rom. 2:7

LIGHT THE FIRE TODAY!!!