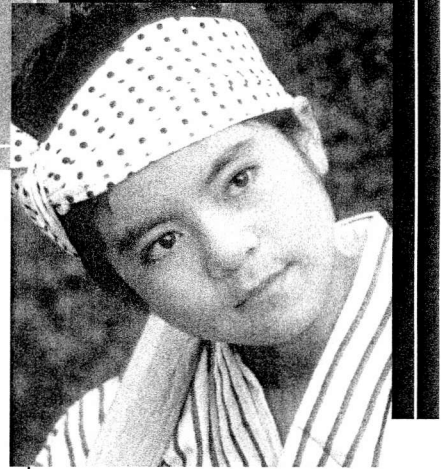


LESSON 15



Chapter 12:23-34

²³Jesus said to them, "The time has come for the Son of Man to receive his *glory*. ²⁴It is a fact that a grain of wheat must fall to the ground and die before it can grow and produce much more wheat. If it never dies, it will never be more than a single seed. ²⁵Those who love the life they have now will lose it. But those who are willing to give up their life in this world will keep it. They will have eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me. My servants must be with me everywhere I am. My Father will give honor to anyone who serves me.

²⁷"Now I am very troubled. What should I say? Should I say, 'Father save me from this time of suffering'? No, I came to this time so that I could suffer. ²⁸Father, do what will bring you glory!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have already brought glory to myself. I will do it again."

²⁹The people standing there heard the voice. They said it was thunder.

But others said, "An angel spoke to him!"

³⁰Jesus said, "That voice was for you and not for me. ³¹Now is the time for the world to be judged. Now the *ruler of this world* will be thrown out. ³²I will be lifted up from the earth. When that happens, I will draw all people to myself." ³³Jesus said this to show how he would die.

³⁴The people said, "But our law says that the Christ will live forever. So why do you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?"

NEW WORDS:

grain

glory

suffering

angel

LET'S PRACTICE!

How did Jesus feel about suffering?

How is this like the grain of wheat?

Why does the voice from heaven speak? Who is it?

Jesus says three things will happen when he is 'lifted up' (dies):

1. The world will be _____.
2. The _____ of this world will be thrown out.
3. Jesus will bring _____ to him.

Why do you think Jesus was willing to die?