

Religion's Dirty Little Secret (1)

Luke 11:37-54

Intro. [A] The greatest lie in religion is that all Religion is good.

1. This has always been the false prophet's message.
2. It is the politically correct message today.
3. Perverted Christianity and false religions will be the donkey upon which the Antichrist will ride into Jerusalem.

[B] The truth is that false religion and perverted Christianity are worthless and helpless.

1. Matt. 7:21-27

2. Gal. 1:6-9

3. The scriptures that lie open before us.

[C] The character of the Jewish sects here mentioned.

1. Pharisees: worshipped Jehovah, Accepted O.T. as the word of God, offered sacrifices, believed in after life, lived in the Holy Land, went to a synagogue and to the temple, prayed daily, knew the 10 commandments, tithed faithfully, gave alms, were circumcised, kept the Sabbath and holy days

2. Scribes, same, Sadducees, no resurrection.

3. Lawyers, same

4. All of these were, unconverted, unrighteous,

I. The Occasion For Religion's Unveiling.

[A] Jesus went to dine with a Pharisee.

Vs. 37 1. "dine" = ἀπρωίω = a light meal eaten after the first meal eaten earlier and before the main meal of the day.

2. He went in and immediately reclined.

- D.** Outward religion corrupts other people. ②
 Vs. 44 1. The Pharisees were like lost graves.
 2. They made those who walked on them unclean.

II. Religion Has Different Faces But It Is All Defective.

- A.** The lawyers were also offended.
 Vs. 45 1. "lawyer" = νομικός = persons skilled in law
 2. "Reproachest" = ἰβρίζω = "to run riot",
 "to wax wanton", "to win in the use of superior power",
 "to outrage", "to personally insult".

- B.** False religion burdens, not unburdens.
 Vs. 46 1. They laid heavy burdens on their people.
 Matt 11:30 2. Jesus removed burdens.

- C.** Their spiritual value scales ~~are~~ ^{were} inverted.
 Vs. 47 1. Their fathers killed the prophets.
 Vs. 48 2. The lawyers built graves for the prophets and decorated them.

- D.** God wrote of them.
 Vs. 49a 1. The wisdom of God uttered prophecy.
 Vs. 49b 2. Some would be slain. (messengers).

- E.** God would hold the generation that rejected the Christ, guilty of the blood of all prophets.
 Vs. 50 1. The blood from the world's beginning.
 Vs. 51 2. From Abel to Zacharias.
 3. II Kings 15:18-12, Gen. 4:8
 4. They cried, "His blood be upon us".
 What a horrible assumption.