

The Problem With Religion
Luke 5: 27-39

①

Intro. A. The world worships Religion.

1. The more religious a person is, the better.
2. The world will not criticize those who seem to be religious. Mother Teresa and papophile priests come from the same mother church.

B. There are three kinds of religion.

shinto,

1. False Religion, Never true, Mohamm, Hindu,
2. Perverted Religion, once true.
3. True Religion, that which delivers from sin.

C. In these verses we see some of the problems that perverted religion presents.

- Vs. 27-32
1. It places its emphasis on the wrong things.
 2. It places too much emphasis on feeling and outward appearance.
- Vs. 33-35
3. It promotes compromise at any cost.
 4. It resists change that truth claims.

I. Perverted Religion Emphasizes The Wrong Things.

A. The call of Levi, too simple, too plain.

Vs. 27

1. Levi was a tax collector.

2. There were two kinds, the Gabbai, a tax gather and the Mokhes, a custom-house officer. Levi gathered taxes on a popular trade route.

3. The invitation, "Follow me".

Vs. 28

4. The response. " he left all, Rose up, and followed him".

5. There were no incentives offered, no promise of wealth or fame, Just, "Follow me"

III. Religion Promotes Compromise For The Sake of Survival OR Expediency. (2)

A. Jesus spoke a parable to put them on notice that truth and error would not be mixed.

Vs. 36 1. Old garments could not be patched with new cloth. The traditions that had developed around the Mosaic system would not be patched with His teachings.

Vs. 37 2. The new wine of His teaching would not be placed in the old skins of Jewish tradition.

3. Transporting water or wine in clay pots was impossible. In skins this was practical.

B. There are many old garments and old skins in religion today.

1. The universal church is an old skin.

2. Alien immersion is an old garment.

3. Charismatic practices are old skins.

4. Carnality and Christianity are not compatible.

5. John 3:6 - "That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit"

6. Roms. 8:5-7 The carnally minded here are not lost people but Roman church members who had introduced carnality into their spiritual lives to make it more interesting.

C. O.T. truth and N.T. truth must be preserved.

Vs. 38 1. "preserved" = συντηρέω = to be kept in safety together, or in conjunction with each other.

2. Jesus did not come to destroy the law but to fulfill it.