

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

## LUKE CHAPTER 11:37-54

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### **DIAGNOSIS? HYPOCRISY!**

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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The Bible Says of God,

#### **Hebrews 4:12-13**

For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. :13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

#### **HYPOCRISY**

Webster's 1828 - is defined as, "a simulation; an act of displaying or pretending to be what one is not; the concealment of one's real character. a false appearance of virtue or religion; a deceitful show of a good character, a counterfeiting of religion.

#### **HYPOCRISY**

υἰοὶ ἰσχυροῦ / ἰσχυροὶ ἠδὲ ἰσχυροὶ, *hoop-o-kree*; to play a part, to have two faces - an actor. one who assumes a different character from stage to stage.

Luke Chapter 11 has been a Chapter of Acceleration.  
Education, Illumination and Examination.

**There Comes a Great Crescendo, The Stage is Set  
for First Opening**

In These Verses There Appears Three Key Players.  
One is the Pharisee / The Other the Lawyers / And Jesus

#1 - The word **Pharisee**

Farisai / οὗτοι Pharisaioi, *far-is-ah'-yos*; {a separatist, a sectarian. someone devoted to a cause or a religion}

**Pharisees were to be the doers of the faith.**

outwardly, externally, they would have put us all to shame.  
by their good deeds / their social assistance / their after-school programs  
their graffiti removal task force / homeless ministries...

#2 – The word **Lawyers**

these were to be the defenders of the faith. They too knew the Bible better than anyone.

**Lawyers were to be the enforcers of the faith.**

And With That, The Issue of  
**Traditions vs. God's Word**  
Makes for The Scene.

**DIAGNOSIS? HYPOCRISY!**

**1.) If there's a burning in the eyes v. 37-41**

**1a.) Hypocrisy cannot stop staring at tradition v.37-38**

And as He spoke, a **certain** Pharisee asked Him to dine with him. So He went in and sat down to eat.  
:38 When the Pharisee **saw it**, he **marveled** that He had not first **washed** before dinner.

**In The Jewish Writings They Had Created the Mishnah,  
an oral code of rules said to have been given by God to Moses.**

**In Yadaim 2:3 of the Mishnah  
it demands that the hands be washed in exact detail.**

Verse 38

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**“He’s Going to Defile Us with His Unwashed Hands”**

**Matthew 15:2-3**

“Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.” :3 He answered and said to them, “Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?”

## Tradition Above God's Word

**Mark 7:8-9**

For you laying aside the commandment of God, hold the tradition of men—the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do.” :9 He said to them, “*All too well* you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.

**Isaiah 29:13**

Therefore the Lord said: “Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,

## A BURNING IN THE EYES

### 1b.) Hypocrisy cannot see reality

v.39

Then the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your inward part is full of **greed** and **wickedness**.

### ***Focusing On Outward Formality & Show (If It Looks Good – Do It)***

To Put On a **Show**, a **Display**, That You are Serving God

**Revelation 2:4-5**

Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. :5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works,

Hypocrisy Causes the Eye to See Things That are Not There.

“Like How Great Thou Aren’t” – unhealthy view of yourself.

**Philippians 2:3-4**

*Let nothing be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. :4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

School Teachers, Leaders, Managers – Hang That in Your Office!

### 1c.) Hypocrisy cannot respond to honesty

v.40-41

**Foolish** ones! Did not He (God) who made the outside make the inside also? :41 But rather give **alms** of such things as you have; then indeed all things are clean to you.

Very Gracious Word Jesus Uses Here

## Verse 41

Give Your Poison to the Lord...  
give away the “junk” that is inside of you, your love for wealth and plots and schemes.

## Hypocrisy is Terrified of Honesty

What Can Be Done If You Think This Might be Your Situation?  
**Get Your Eyes Treated by Removing the Tradition and Looking Directly on the Bible.**

**Hebrews 12:2**

**looking** (fix the eye) unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith,

## DIAGNOSIS? HYPOCRISY!

**2.) If there's a hardening of the heart v. 42-44**

**2a.) Can cause self justification v.42**

“But **woe** to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by **justice** and the **love** of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

***the Pharisee was totally committed to tithing  
(giving a tenth of what he owned)  
that they even give 1/10 of their herbs and spices...***

**they Gave Because of How it Made  
them Feel Rather Than Love for God.**

**2 Corinthians 9:6-8**

But this / say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. :7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. :8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

## The Pharisee Would Say...

“I wish I could give to you little girl, but this money belongs to God.  
“it's too bad old man that the food I have is the Lord's”

**because of that kind of sinful neglect,**  
people grow up hating God and rejecting God because some legalist nut has painted that picture of God.

**1 John 3:17-18**

But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? :18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

**Deuteronomy 6:5**

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

**Matthew 22:37-38**

Jesus said to him, " *'You shall love the LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.'* :38 This is *the* first and great commandment.

**1 John 5:2**

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.

**"I'm Better than the other guy"**

**Matthew 15:7-8**

Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: :8 *"These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. :9 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'*"

**A HARDENING OF THE HEART**

**2b.) Can cause self exultation**

**v.43**

Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces.

**this was truly disgusting**

historians and early church leaders tell us that these acts of preeminence, pomposity, position could hardly have been improved upon.

**Chief Seats / Public Greetings / Fanfare**

a seat is not a bad thing, a greeting is fine, recognition, but what they had was a competition.

**James 2:1-3**

My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord* of glory, with partiality. :2 For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, :3 and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool,"

**Mark 7:13**

As such, you break the law of God in order to protect your own tradition. (we know more than the Bible)

**The Fix Is Here**

**Romans 12:3**

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly...

## A HARDENING OF THE HEART

### 2c.) Can cause self destruction

v.44

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! ***For you are like graves which are not seen, and the men who walk over them are not aware of them.***

***This would be the sin of...***

### You Would Think That This Would Be The Ultimate Critique

“you guys think you’re helping people when in reality, you are defiling people, you’re making them worse, you’re leading them away from God!”

***For you are like graves which are not seen,***

That is; “Not Aware Until It’s Too Late”

*(why ? because a worshipper on his way to temple would accidently step on a grave, a tomb, and thereby defile his conscience...)*

### Matthew’s Gospel Records This Vividly

**Matthew 23:27**

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead *men’s* bones and all uncleanness. :28 Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

**Colossians 2:8**

Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

### Because Their Hearts Were Wrong – Everything Was Wrong

**Amos 5:21-24**

“I hate, I despise your religious feasts; I cannot stand your assemblies. :22 Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. :23 Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. :24 But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

## DIAGNOSIS? HYPOCRISY!

**3.) If there's a lump in the head**

**v. 45-52**

**3a.) Could mean your pride is swelling**

**v.45-46**

Then one of the lawyers answered and said to Him, "Teacher, by saying these things You reproach us also." :46 And He said, "Woe to you also, lawyers! For you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers.

### How Opposite is The Heart of God.

**6,000 rules or laws**

had been invented by these religious lawyers.  
these men were responsible for the Word of God.

**Amazingly, They Had All That They Needed to Promote**  
a Culture and Society in What was Right & Just.  
- they had the word of God...

### Here's a Sure Warning Church;

but when the word of God, the Bible is rejected, leaders become tyrants and their first act of tyrannical business is to create more man-made laws. more laws, to remove more freedom to control the people.

#### **Revelation 2:6**

But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. (Lords Over the People)

#### **Matthew 11:28-30**

Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. :29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. :30 For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light."

#### **Micah 6:8**

He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?

## A LUMP IN THE HEAD

**3b.) Could mean your arrogance is toxic**

**v.47-51**

:47 Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. :48 In fact, you bear witness that you approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build

their tombs. :49 Therefore the wisdom of God also said, “I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,” :50 that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, :51 from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation.

## is Jesus being harsh here? is He being unfair ?

“isn’t building a tomb for someone a nice thing? – it can be!

the wording here is this;

for they indeed killed them, (**and**) you build their tombs.

The English “Conjunction” (and) here it’s even More Powerful in the Greek. This (and) Implicates Them as Co-Conspirators in the Death of the Prophets.

“your fathers killed the prophets that were sent to them, and you make sure that they stay dead.”

these men would not let the message, the ministry, the meaning of the prophets’ life have its God-ordained effect.

## IN MATTHEW 23 THEY INDICTED THEMSELVES;

**Matthew 23:30-31**

‘If we had been living in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’ :31 Jesus said unto them “Consequently then, you bear witness against yourselves, that you are the sons of those who murdered the prophets.

## A Grave Warning to All Ministries of Today;

if a religious leader is avoiding the Bible, the Word of God, and is not feeding the people the Bible but rather is hiding it for whatever reason, that man is guilty of silencing the voice of the prophets.

**Matthew 5:17**

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

**1 Peter 1:18-19**

knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, :19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

## Verse 51

from the **blood of Abel** to the **blood of Zechariah** who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation.



# Like Two Eye Witnesses From The Past

## Genesis 4:8,10

Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him... **Genesis 4:10** And The Lord said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.

## 2 Chronicles 24:19-21

Yet He sent prophets to them, to bring them back to the LORD; and they testified against them, but they would not listen. **:20** Then the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, who stood above the people, and said to them, "Thus says God: 'Why do you transgress the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, He also has forsaken you.' " **:21** So they conspired against him, and at the command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of the LORD.

## A LUMP IN THE HEAD

**3c.) Could mean your life is lost**

**v.52**

"Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away "the key of knowledge". You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in – you've hindered."

history tells us that they told the people that they needed to tell them what the Bible meant. a common man could never understand it, we'll tell you what it means.

### **This Is An Abomination to The Lord.**

It Directly Involves God in a Cover Up.  
the cover up is that special people, certain people  
can understand the message not the common man...

## **IF YOU DUMB DOWN THE CHILDREN, YOU CAN CONTROL THEM.**

### Matthew 23:15

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.

### Matthew 23:36-37

Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.:**37** "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under *her* wings, but you were not willing!

Is It Possible That Jesus' Own Generation  
Could Be Held Responsible for What He Have Access To?

# The Answer Is Yes !

Because The One (Jesus) Who was standing before them  
was the fulfillment of the law and the prophets.

Jesus Christ of Nazareth, born in Bethlehem was the Word incarnate.

they had the prophets, they had Moses and now they had God's final word to mankind – The Messiah  
the Savoir, and they rejected Him.

**Luke 12:48c**

“For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required..”

American Humorist, Will Rogers Once said;  
“there are two eras of American history, the passing of the buffalo, and the passing of  
the buck.”

## The Modern Day Pastor

has only one primary job on this earth, everything else is second;

**Jeremiah 3:15**

And I (the Lord) will give you **shepherds/Pastors** according to My heart,  
who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

That Knowledge and Understanding is This Key!

**1 John 5:20**

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know  
Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ.  
This is the true God and eternal life.

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