

## THE CLIMAX OF PHARISAIC OPPOSITION

(Luke 11:37-54)

- A. JESUS TEACHES HIS DISCIPLES' A 'PATTERN' FOR PRAYER (Luke 11:1-4)
- B. JESUS ENCOURAGES PRAYER WITH A PARABLE (Luke 11:5-13)
- C. JESUS IS ACCUSED OF USING DEMONIC POWER (Luke 11:14-28)
- D. THE SIGN OF JONAH (Luke 11:29-32)
- E. THE IMPORTANCE OF RESPONDING TO THE LIGHT (Luke 11:33-36)
- F. JESUS EXPOSES THE SINS OF THE PHARISEES AND THE SCRIBES (Luke 11:37-54)
  - 1. The Pharisee's motives seem \_\_\_\_\_ at best, had he been sincere in seeking out truth, he would have most likely wanted a \_\_\_\_\_ conversation so as to not be seen publicly with Jesus. (v. 37)
  
  - 2. Jesus offended His host by completely \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ ceremonial hand washing before dinner. (v. 38)
  
  - 3. Christ responded by exposing the religious leader's hypocrisy who were present; they foolishly thought that righteousness was based on external \_\_\_\_\_ rather than internal \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 39-40)
  
  - 4. Verse 41 could be translated more literally, "*But rather give the things that are inside,*" that is, give first the offering of the \_\_\_\_\_ man, give from your \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 41)
  
  - 5. Jesus addressed the Pharisees with three harsh, stinging "*Woes*" of condemnation...
    - a. In being meticulous about the external observances of the Law, the Pharisees completely \_\_\_\_\_ doing what was right out of agape \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord and other people. (v. 42)

- b. The Pharisees were concerned about “keeping up appearances,” they had \_\_\_\_\_ concluded that being acknowledged by the right people would make them \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 43)
- c. Unmarked graves when walked on, would defile a Jew without even knowing it (Num. 19:16); likewise, the nation was \_\_\_\_\_ being spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ by the Pharisees. (v. 44)
6. The lawyers wanted Jesus to make a distinction between them and the Pharisees (v. 45), but our Lord responded by giving them three exhorting “*Woes*” of rebuke of their own...
- a. Jesus condemned the legal experts who were good at adding additional religious \_\_\_\_\_ to an already overburdened people; but yet they were \_\_\_\_\_ willing to personally help the people. (v. 46)
- b. Outwardly the lawyers seemed to honor the prophets by building monuments over their graves, but Jesus knew that \_\_\_\_\_ they were \_\_\_\_\_ the prophets. (vv. 47-51)
- c. The people viewed the scribes as having the “*key*” to understanding the Scriptures, but because they \_\_\_\_\_ the Messiah’s teaching they thereby \_\_\_\_\_ “*those who were entering*” into that knowledge. (v. 52)
7. Jesus had uncovered many of their secret sins of \_\_\_\_\_ and spoke openly about them; after these inflammatory words of criticism and condemnation the religious crowd exploded into a \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 53-54)

\* How can you personally apply this truth studied here today?