



“The Jesus Story: The One Everybody Can Know”

Luke 11:37-54

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XIX. What God Hates (Luke 11:37-54)

A. Why does God hate false teaching so much? (Prov 6:16-19; Matt 23:37-39)

1. False teaching has shut the door to His kingdom in the face of thousands upon thousands of people.
2. False teaching results in people being left shackled to their sin, blind to the truth, and headed towards eternal destruction.
3. False teaching prevents men and women from seeing their real spiritual condition, which is, that they are sinners who are lost and need a Savior.
4. False teaching blocks the path to Jesus. (Jer 23:1, 32; Matt 7:15; II Pet 2:1-2)

B. Do you know what God longs for? (Jn 4:23-24; Rom 1:22-24)

1. He longs to see in His church a group of people worshipping Him in Spirit and truth.

C. The crux of the problem with false teachers and the six indictments that Jesus levels against them:

1. The crux of the problem: False teachers are more concerned with the external than the internal. (v.39-40; Isa 29:13)
  - a. What was their (the religious leaders) primary problem? They were more concerned with the outward appearance of a man than with his inward appearance to God. (1 Sam 16:9)

D. The Six Indictments (Woes):

1. What does the word, woe, mean?
  - a. Woe is a word that implies coming judgment.
  - b. Woe also carries the idea of one grieving over what one sees coming.
2. Indictment # 1: Jesus condemns false teachers because they invert God's priorities. (v.42; Deut 14:22)

3. Indictment # 2: Jesus condemns false teachers because they love the praise of men more than the praise of God. (v.43; Jn 12:42-43; Gal 1:10)

“Reputation is what people think we are; character is what God knows we are.” Warren Wiersbe

4. Indictment # 3: Jesus condemns false teachers because they are spiritually dead! (v. 44; Matt 23:7; Num 19:16; I Cor 2:14; II Cor 11:13)

5. Indictment # 4: Jesus condemns false teachers because they fail to lift the spiritual burdens that people carry. (v.45-46; Acts 3:19-20; I Cor 13:6)

6. Indictment # 5: Jesus condemns false teachers for being guilty of the shedding of innocent blood. (v.47-51)

- a. The Bible makes it clear over and over again that God hates the shedding of innocent blood. (Isa 59:7)

7. Indictment # 6: Jesus condemns false teachers for shutting the door to the kingdom of God so that no one can enter. (v.52; Jn 3:10; Jer 23:1, 14, 16-18, 21, 31-32; II Chron 7:14)