

Woe To The Pharisees

Luke 11:37-54

- I. The Initial Conflict: Outward Religion (37-38)
 - A. Jesus was going to eat with the Pharisees
 - B. You don't do the ceremonial washing...
- II. Jesus Extends a "Woe" on the Pharisees and Lawyers (39-52)
 - A. Woe – "horror" or "disaster"
 - B. What were the reasons for the announcement of judgment?
 1. Only concerned with outward righteousness
 2. Love of religious practice without care for the well-being of others
 3. Concerned for good social standing
 4. Weighing people down with burdens they cannot bear (legalism)
 5. Not accepting the guilt and hypocrisy that legalism and a stance against the true word of God causes on others
 6. Keeping people from a proper, freeing knowledge of the truth
 - C. The Indictment – The blood of the righteous preachers that have died and been persecuted will be brought against this generation
 - D. They sought to trap Jesus in His words
- III. The Woes of the Pharisees and The Current State of "Christianity" in the Modern, Western Church