

Jesus Goes for a Meal at a Pharisee's Home

Luke 11:37-54

“It is almost surprising after such a scathing denunciation of the religious systems that existed in our Lord’s day that Jesus was invited into the home of a Pharisee. But Jesus accepted the invitation and went...” These are the words of JD Pentecost as he began his look at this passage. We must remember that, at this point in Jesus’ ministry, the Religious Leaders were busy looking for opportunities to find _____ in Him. No sincere Pharisee would have openly had Jesus to his home. We will find it didn’t take long, and conflict arose again!

I. The Setting

“And as he _____, a certain Pharisee besought him to dine with him: and he went in, and sat down to meat.” Luke 11:37

II. The Problem

“And when the Pharisee saw it, he _____ that he had not first washed before dinner.” Luke 11:38

III. Jesus’ Diagnosis of the Religious Leaders’ Heart and Soul

“And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the _____ of the cup and the platter; but your _____ part is full of ravening and wickedness. ⁴⁰Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also? ⁴¹But _____ give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you.” Luke 11:39-41

“Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter” –

“but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness” –

“Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also?” –

“but rather” –

IV. The Six Woes

Define Woe –

“But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and _____ judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.”

Luke 11:42

Woe #1 – Externals vs Internals of True Righteousness

“Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye _____ the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets.” Luke 11:43

Woe #2 – Pride & Vanity

“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, _____! for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them.” Luke 11:44

Woe #3 – Hypocrisy

“Then answered one of the _____, and said unto him, Master, thus saying thou reproachest us also.” Luke 11:45

Interruption:

“And he said, Woe unto you also, ye _____! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers.” Luke 11:46

Woe #4 – Traditionalism

“Woe unto you! for ye build the sepulchers of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. ⁴⁸Truly ye bear witness that ye _____ the deeds of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and ye build their sepulchers. ⁴⁹Therefore also said the _____ of God, I will send them prophets and apostles,

and some of them they shall slay and persecute: ⁵⁰That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of _____ generation; ⁵¹From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of _____ generation.” Luke 11:47-51

Woe #5 – Persecution

“Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the _____ of knowledge: ye _____ not in yourselves, and them that were _____ in ye hindered.” Luke 11:52

Woe #6 – Rejecting Truth

V. Religious Leaders’ Reaction

“And as he said these things unto them, the _____ and the _____ began to urge him vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things: ⁵⁴Laying wait for him, and seeking to catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him.” Luke 11:53-54

Believers’ Application:

They were busy doing religious things, but were not being righteous before God.

- Woe #1 – Washed their hands and not their _____.
- Woe #2 – Remembered to _____ but forgot to love God and be just toward men.
- Woe #3 – _____ people’s praise and position.
- Woe #4 – Made impossible religious _____ on the people.
- Woe #5 – Would not _____ the truth about Jesus.
- Woe #6 – _____ others from believing in Him.