

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#44 – “Combating the Hypocritical Spirit” – Luke 11:37-44

I. Introduction.

A. Threats to the church of North America

1. Progressivism and Secularism are on the rise creating a conflict of world views.
2. There are three arenas that have been used to speed a world view shift:
 - a. The M_____
 - b. The A_____
 - c. The U_____
3. But this is not the most significant threat. The real threat is from within the church itself.
 - a. Rev. 2:1-4
 - b. Becoming hypocritical about love for God.

B. Today’s text – Luke 11:37-44

II. Exposition

A. Luke 11:37

1. A typical dining scene.
2. Pharisees – typical higher reputation than other groups.
 - a. Sadducees
 - b. Essenes
 - c. Zealots
3. Pharisaic organization
 - a. Intertestamental period
 - b. They combated H_____

B. Luke 11:38

1. Jesus offends the host before the first bite of dinner.

2. Pharisees’ rules on hand washing
– Laborious and extra-biblical.

C. Luke 11:39

1. Wiping the cup
2. Concern is over the status of our soul within.
 - a. Isaiah 29:13; John 3:19
3. Key words to define:
 - a. Robbery –
 - b. Wickedness –

D. Luke 11:40-41

1. The outward can fool those who can only see the outward.
 - a. I Samuel 16:7
2. Compartmentalizing.
3. They had an ignorance of the clear teaching found in the Old Testament.
Dt. 10:16; Ps. 51:6; Jer. 28:13; Joel 2:12-13

E. Luke 11:42

1. First of three woes.
 - a. Prophetic utterance
 1. Oracle of the weal and oracle of the woe.
 1. Jesus used both.
2. Tithing good, but missed other essentials.

F. Luke 11:43-44

1. The Pharisees were the antithesis of godly leadership.
2. Concealed tombs, verse 44.
 - a. Note Numbers 19:11-22, 16

III. Points for Reflection

- A. Be careful about your opinions on how people should lead their lives as Christians.
- B. Beware of a hypocritical spirit. You appear sincere when, in fact, your life is marked by insincerity.
- C. What are you really like on the inside?
- D. May we all return to our first love.