

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#45 – “The Woes Continue” – Luke 11:45-54

I. Last week’s message.

A. Strong and condemning words leveled by Jesus upon the Pharisees.

1. Key texts: Luke 11:42,43,44
2. “Woe” – very condemning.
3. There had been poor care of God’s people.
 - a. Similar to Ezekiel 34:2b-4

B. Today’s message: Luke 11:45-54

II. Exposition

A. Luke 11:45

1. Overhearing conversations from the past.
2. Multiple cursing blows had just occurred.
3. Awkward to be sure, but Jesus ramps up his condemning remarks.

B. Luke 11:46

1. Who were the lawyers?
2. “Burdens” – Greek indicates massive burdens.
3. Additions were being made to the Word of God.
4. Legalism is a far cry from Jesus’ heart – Matt. 11:28-30

C. Luke 11:47-48

1. Tombs – Kidron Valley

2. Thought they were innocent – Matthew 23:29-30

D. Luke 11:49-51

1. “Wisdom of God”
 - a. God’s counsel to send prophets.
 - b. Examples
2. Apex of rejection – The cross. Matthew 27:25

E. Luke 11:52

1. Saving knowledge was locked out from the people.

F. Luke 11:53-54

1. An abrupt end to the dinner party.
2. The response of the religious elite.
 - a. Get rid of Jesus.
 - b. They never did find anything in His speech to convict Him – Matthew 25:59-60a

III. Points for Reflection

- A. Those who hold any office of leadership within Christ’s church, and who hinder the people from entering, will experience a condemnation too great for words.
- B. Consider the simplicity of the prophets’ message and the response of death to the messenger from the people.
- C. Do we honor the prophets?
- D. Woe to all who would throw away the key of knowledge and in so doing hinder people from coming to Christ.
- E. There are six woes recorded by Luke, but where is the seventh?