

Insights from Luke

#45: "The Woes Continue"

Luke 11:45-54

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"⁴⁵ One of the lawyers said to Him in reply, 'Teacher, when You say this, You insult us too.'"

Luke 11:46

"⁴⁶ But He said, 'Woe to you lawyers as well! For you weigh men down with burdens hard to bear, while you yourselves will not even touch the burdens with one of your fingers.'"

Luke 11:47-48

"⁴⁷ Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and it was your fathers who killed them. ⁴⁸ So you are witnesses and approve the deeds of your fathers; because it was they who killed them, and you build their tombs."

Luke 11:49-51

"⁴⁹ For this reason also the wisdom of God said, 'I will send to them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and some they will persecute, ⁵⁰ so that the blood of all the prophets, shed since the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation, ⁵¹ from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the house of God; yes, I tell you, it shall be charged against this generation.'"

Luke 11:52

"⁵² Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you yourselves did not enter, and you hindered those who were entering."

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“⁵³ When He left there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile and to question Him closely on many subjects, ⁵⁴ plotting against Him to catch Him in something He might say.”

**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.**

**Consider the simplicity
of the prophets’ message and
the response of death to the
messenger from the people.**

Do we honor the prophets?

**Woe to all who would throw
away the key of knowledge
and in so doing hinder people
from coming to Christ.**

**There are six woes recorded
by Luke,
but where is the seventh?**