Matthew 22:37-38  

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Matthew 22:39  

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John 13:34-35  

34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Matthew 28:19-20  

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Overview of Christ’s Public Ministry

POPULARITY (DECLINING)

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

PRIVATE PREPARATION

OPPOSITION (INCREASING)

OBSCURITY (VANISHING)

EARLY MINISTRIES

4 mos. 10 mos.

First Year

Second Year

Third Year

Birth

John introduces Jesus

Jesus returns to Galilee

Jesus appoints the Twelve

To Tyre and Sidon

CONCLUDING MINISTRIES

3 Mos. 3 Mos.

Tabernacles

Dedication

Judea

Perea

4 months 8 months

Largely in Judea

Around Galilee

3 Mos.
# Harmony of the Gospels
(Adapted from John MacArthur’s Study Bible)

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MAIN POINTS: LUKE 11:37-54

1. An Invitation to Lunch with a Pharisee (Part of a Murder Plot? That turned into a Divine INDICTMENT)
2. Judgment based on Legalism (man-made religious traditions – ceremonial washings before a meal)
3. An honest, indictment and exposure of the Pharisees hearts (clean on the outside, dirty on the inside - robbery, wickedness)
4. God made the physical and the spiritual – cleanness is manifested in giving charitably from the heart
5. The giving of the Pharisees was hypocritical – the would tithe their spices but forgo any real sacrifice – especially justice or the love of God
6. The motivation of the Pharisees was status, fame, and approval of men – this kind of hypocrisy is like a death or the smell of a tomb (which people would normally avoid, but is out in the open)
7. A lawyer tells Jesus to tone it down – He is offending people (you are insulting us too)
8. Jesus does not apologize, back down, or become more Politically Correct or seeker sensitive – he exposes the sin/hearts of the lawyers – burdening people instead of lightening their burdens
9. Woe to you all (Pharisees and Lawyers) – you build tombs (to honor prophets) but Jesus reveals the truth well known to God – their direct ancestors killed God’s prophets
10. This generation is singled out by God as guilty of killing all of the prophets (for they are about to kill the Son of God – parable of the vineyard).
11. Jesus shows his omniscience stating the first murder – Abel to disclosing details hitherto unrevealed – that God knew that Zechariah the prophet was murdered in the temple (between the altar and the holy place)
12. Jesus again singles out the lawyers – saying they have taken out the key of knowledge (which in context is the prophets, but ironically will be with them killing Jesus as a prophet of God), so that they have no knowledge, and hinder/mislead those seeking knowledge.
13. The result is expected – the scribes and the Pharisees grew even more hostile and began to question him closely – hoping to trap him in something he might say so they could use it to be him to death.
Now when He had spoken, a Pharisee asked Him to have lunch with him; and He went in, and reclined at the table.

- Luke 11:37

1. An Invitation to Lunch with a Pharisee

- ἀρρετάω (1) take the first meal of the day, eat breakfast (JN 21.12); (2) of any meal eat, dine (LU 11.37) [Friberg]
- ἀναπίπτω anapipto: to fall back
Luke 11:38  

When the Pharisee saw it, he was surprised that He had not first ceremonially washed before the meal.

Legalism
Based on the Ceremonial Law
Focus on Externals and Man-made Traditions

2. Judgment based on Legalism

- **baptizo**: to dip, sink, immerse
- **Origin**: βάπτω bapto: to dip
3. An honest, indictment and exposure of the Pharisees hearts (clean on the outside, dirty on the inside - robbery, wickedness)

- Inside (εσωθεν esothen: from within)
  VS Outside (εξωθεν exothen: from without)

- Robbery - ἀρπαγή harpage: pillage, plundering

- Wickedness - πονηρία poneria: iniquity

Luke 11:39-41  39 But the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the platter; but inside of you, you are full of robbery and wickedness."
4. God made the physical and the spiritual – cleanness includes giving charitably from the heart  
(but fools focus on rules/externals rather than the heart/inside)

- “Foolish Ones” ἄφρων aphon: without reason, foolish
- [Friberg] ἄφρων, as not using common sense foolish, senseless, silly (RO 2.20), opposite φρόνιμος (wise, sensible); substantivally foolish person, fool (LU 11.40)

Ephesians 5:15-17 15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, 16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil. 17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Jeremiah 4:22 22 "For My people are foolish, They know Me not; They are stupid children And have no understanding. They are shrewd to do evil, But to do good they do not know."

Proverbs 27:12 (22:3) 12 A prudent man sees evil and hides himself, The naive proceed and pay the penalty.

Proverbs 21:20 20 There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise, But a foolish man swallows it up.

Proverbs 14:18 18 The naive inherit foolishness, But the sensible are crowned with knowledge.

Proverbs 10:21 21 The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of understanding.

Proverbs 1:22 22 "How long, O naive ones, will you love being simple-minded? And scoffers delight themselves in scoffing And fools hate knowledge?

Luke 11:40-41 40 "You foolish ones, did not He who made the outside make the inside also? 41 "But give that which is within as charity, and then all things are clean for you.
The Importance of charity – the presence or absence of giving/generosity reveals the condition of our heart (clean or not so clean)

• ἐλεημοσύνη eleemosune: mercy, pity, specifically alms

[Friberg] ἐλεημοσύνη sympathy, charitableness, compassion; concretely in the NT, as benevolent activity toward the poor donation, almsgiving, charitable giving (MT 6.2)

11:41 πλὴν τὰ ἐνόντα δότε ἐλεημοσύνην, however the being (clean) on the inside you all shall give alms/benevolence towards the poor
καὶ ἵδού πάντα καθαρὰ ὑμῖν ἔστιν. And behold all things clean to you are

Luke 11:41 "But give that which is within as charity, and then all things are clean for you."
Our giving reveals the true condition of our hearts before God

Matthew 6:19-21  
19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.  
20 "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;  
21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

If we have got the true love of God shed abroad in our hearts, we will show it in our lives. We will not have to go up and down the earth proclaiming it. We will show it in everything we say or do.
5. The giving of the Pharisees was hypocritical – they would tithe their spices but forgo any real sacrifice – especially justice or the love of God

- “Tithe” ἀποδεκατώ apodekatoow: to pay a tenth of, tithe
- Origin: δεκατώ dekatoo: to collect tithes, δεκάτη dekate: a tenth part, a tithe
- Primitive Root: δέκα deka: ten
- “Justice” κρίσις krisis: a decision, judgment
- “Love” ἀγάπη agape: love, goodwill

Luke 11:42 42 "But woe to you Pharisees! For you pay tithe of mint and rue and every kind of garden herb, and yet disregard justice and the love of God; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others."
This Week: “6 Woes to the Religious Deceivers” (3 to Pharisees, 3 to Scribes/Lawyers)
But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in.

Matt 23:13

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness.

-Matt 23:23
“6 Woes to the Religious Deceivers”

1. Luke 11:42 – The Woe of **DISREGARD** (to pass by) of the most important – Justice and Love of God
3. Luke 11:44 – The Woe of **DEFILEMENT** – defiling others into sin (uncleanness before God) and spiritual death (judgment and punishment by God)
4. Luke 11:45-46 – The Woe of **InDIFFERENCE** – adding burdens on people and not doing anything to help others bear their burdens/overload
5. Luke 11:47-51 – The Woe of **DUPPLICITY** – approving of their ancestors who killed the prophets but then building tombs/monuments to “honor” them
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- ἀγάπη *agape*: love, goodwill
- παρίημι *pariemi*: to pass by or over, to relax
Luke 11:42

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κακεία, μη παρείναι.
1. The Woe of **DISREGARD** (to pass by) of the most important – Justice and Love of God

- **Deuteronomy 10:18-19**  
  18 "He executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the alien by giving him food and clothing.  
  19 "So show your love for the alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

- **Isaiah 61:8**  
  8 For I, the LORD, love justice, I hate robbery in the burnt offering; And I will faithfully give them their recompense And make an everlasting covenant with them.

- **Amos 5:15**  
  15 Hate evil, love good, And establish justice in the gate! Perhaps the LORD God of hosts May be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

- **Micah 6:8**  
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2. The Woe of DISHonesty - concealing a hidden motive of self-love that desires human recognition/approval/popularity/fame

- **Luke 11:43** 43 "Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the chief seats in the synagogues and the respectful greetings in the market places.

- **Matthew 23:6** "They love the place of honor at banquets and the chief seats in the synagogues, and respectful greetings in the market places, and being called Rabbi by men. 8 "But do not be called Rabbi; for One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers. 9 "Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. 10 "Do not be called leaders; for One is your Leader, that is, Christ. 11 "But the greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 "Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted. 13 "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from people; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in."
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