

True Cleanness and Uncleanness Before God (Luke 11:37-54)

I. True Cleanness Before God (37-41)

A. Jesus Breaks Tradition Regarding Cleanness (37-38)

1. Jesus is invited to dine with a Pharisee (37)
2. Jesus did not wash before dinner (38)
 - a. The Pharisee was shocked
 - b. Jesus defied Religious tradition regarding cleanness

B. Jesus Warns Regarding Religious Cleanness (39)

1. The Pharisees Only cared about outward religion
2. The Pharisees were more concerned about tradition
3. The Pharisees did not care about their sin

C. Jesus Shows the True Nature of Cleanness (40-41)

1. God Desires the Inside and the Outside (40)
 - a. God created both inside and outside
 - i. He created all things for His glory
 - ii. The inside must glorify Him as well
 - b. God desires the inside of man (41)
 - i. When the inside is clean every part is clean
 - ii. The inside always comes out

This outline may be broken into separate sermon outlined

II. The Uncleanness of Religion (42-44)

A. Outward Righteousness Alone brings Judgment (42)

1. Jesus pronounces woe on the Pharisees
2. Jesus demands inward and outward righteousness
 - a. The Pharisees kept the outward righteousness
 - i. They tithed min and rue and herb
 - b. The Pharisees neglected inward righteousness
 - ii. Justice
 - iii. the Love of (for) God

B. Outward Righteousness that comes from within is commended

1. Jesus said the Pharisees were right to tithe
2. Jesus said they must also not neglect the inward aspect

C. Outward Righteousness Alone Leads to Defiling Pride (43-44)

1. Jesus pronounces woe on the prideful (43)
 - a. The Pharisees desired the best seats in synagogue
 - b. The Pharisees desired the greeting in marketplace
 - c. The Pharisees desired to be honored by men
2. Jesus warns of the defilement of the prideful (44)
 - a. The Pharisees were like unmarked graves
 - b. People walked over them without knowing
 - c. To come in contact with a grave was defiling
 - d. Unmarked graves defiled people without them knowing

III. The Uncleaness of Spurning God's Word (45-52)

1. Woe to those who don't practice what they preach (45-46)
 - a. A lawyer is insulted by Jesus' accusations
 - b. Jesus pronounces woe on the lawyers (46)
 - i. They load the people with burdens
 - ii. They don't lift a finger to bear these burdens
 - They held people to a different standard
 - They added to God's Word
 - They made their laws equal to God's
2. Woe to those who refuse the Word of God (47-48)
 - a. They build honored tombs of the prophets (47)
 - i. It was their fathers who refused the prophets words
 - ii. It was their fathers who killed the prophets
 - They refused the prophets words
 - b. They Equally refuse God's word (48)
 - i. They equally refuse the prophet's words
 - ii. They build tombs for them
 - iii. They consent to their father's actions
3. Woe to those who Consent to refusing the Word of God (49-51)
 - a. God foretold the murder of his prophets
 - i. He chose to send prophets to be murdered
 - b. God requires retribution upon this generation
 - i. The blood of all the prophets are required of this generation
 - c. God holds their fathers sins against them because they consent
4. Woe to those who Rebel and Hinder others from God (52)
 - a. The lawyers have taken away the key of knowledge
 - i. They have left God's word for their own
 - ii. They held others to that standard
 - They did not receive God
 - They hindered others from coming

IV. Uncleaness Brings Devastating Results (53-54)

1. Uncleaness Hardens the Heart to God's Word
 - a. The Pharisees sought to trap Jesus in His Words
 - i. They began to press him hard
 - ii. They desired to catch him in his Words
 - b. Their hearts were hardened to God's word
 - i. They refused it and looked for loopholes