



THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Sermon Notes

“The Fear of God”

Luke 12:1-7

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Luke 12:1-7 In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, He began to say to His disciples first, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops. I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear Him who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear Him! Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows."

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A. Hypocrisy – Self-Induced Delusion

B. All Will Be Revealed

C. The Fear of God

“.....considering that the Lord God and Maker of us all, who also will either be our Savior or Judge, we are in reason and duty-bound to give the more earnest heed to the things that shall be spoken, and be more careful to receive them, and put them into practice; for, as I said, as they present us with the mighty God, so they exhort us to the highest duty towards Him..... ; to wit, to fear Him. I call it the highest duty, because it is, as I may call it, not only a duty in itself, but as it were the salt that seasoneth every duty. For there is no duty performed by us that can by any means be accepted of God, if it not be seasoned with godly fear.”

John Bunyan (1628-1688)
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