

“When Your Soul Is An Unmarked Grave”

Woes On Those Who Attend Only To The Outside

Luke 11:37-44; 12:1-3

The Pharisees were at times a political party, a social movement, and a rabbinic tradition during the Second Temple period. The Gospels expose this movement’s attention to external regulations and appearances. They “cleansed the outside” while ignoring the sinful human heart. The “traditions of the elders” (see Mark 7:3-5) became the chief affection of these Pharisees rather than the Word of God (Matt. 15:9). Ponder this dramatic episode today, and heed the call to internal sincerity. In the words of Jesus, “give as alms those things that are within” (v 40-41). ***I am a hypocrite when...***

...I am more concerned with outward appearances than inward godliness.

I. Woe to those who attend to _____ while ignoring the _____ of _____ (v 42).

...I am more concerned with my own little rules than big things that matter more to God.

II. Woe to those obsessed with their _____ and _____ (v 43).

...I crave for people to recognize my spiritual accomplishments.

III. Woe to those who _____ people by _____ others into _____ (v 44).

...I am spiritually dead inside, and no one knows, maybe not even myself.

“Beware of the _____ of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be made known” (12:1-2)