

Jesus teaches about the leaven of the Pharisees

Read Chapter 12:1-3

1. Jesus was teaching about the Pharisees, the hypocrisy of the rules and regulations placed on the people that had nothing to do with God's will. In explaining He said: "Beware of the _____ of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. For there is nothing covered that will not be _____, nor hidden that will not be known. Therefore, whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the _____, and what you have spoken in the ear in the inner rooms will be _____ on the Housetops."

Leaven -Take heed ... - That is, be cautious, be on your guard it causes reactions that are not seen.

The Leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees - Leaven is used in making bread. Lies and control are tools to use others for personal reasons. - Money - praise - power - etc

It works secretly, silently, but certainly all through the mass of dough. "None can see its working." So it was with the doctrines or regulations of the Pharisees. They were teaching laws and rules to stay in control of the people by enforcing regulations that had nothing to do with Worship or Obedience to God. They concealed the real purpose of their instruction; they indoctrinated them secretly into the mind and conscience of the people, until they promoted unseen chains of guilt and half truths acting like leaven in the consciences of the people.

Why is hypocrisy like Leaven? - because:

- a. It may exist without being immediately detected. Leaven mixed in flour is not known until it produces its effects.
- b. It is saying that Leaven will soon saturate the whole bunch. So hypocrisy or lies will, if undetected and not removed, soon take over all our thinking and feelings.
- c. It is swelling. It puffs us up, and fills us with pride and vanity. No man is more proud than the hypocrite is and none is more obnoxious to God. When Jesus cautions them to beware of "the leaven of the Pharisees," he means that they should be cautious about absorbing the lies in their living and become like them. The religion of Jesus is one of sincerity, of humility, of an entire exposure of lies revealing only Truth.

Jesus teaches the Fear of God

Read Chapter 12:4-7

2. Jesus went on to teach about unreasonable fear. He explained that we are not to be afraid of those who can kill our body because that is all they can do. He went on to say: "But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear _____ who after He has killed, has the power to cast into _____; yes, I say to you fear _____."
3. Jesus wanted to show them how important they were to God and used a comparison of five sparrows. Vs 6-7 And not one of them is _____ before God. In explaining Jesus stated that God knows how many hairs are on our head, that is who we should trust. Do not fear therefore; _____ are of more _____ than many sparrows.



Therefore do not fear, you are of more value than many sparrows.

Jesus teaches about Confessing and Denying Him

This means that if we deny Jesus in our words or our lives that we will be denied by Him. A very strong statement and one that should cause us to examine our lives carefully. Sins in our own life that have not been confessed and repented of will leave us separated from the Holy Spirit's help. **Ephesians 4:30**

Read Chapter 12:8-12

4. Jesus makes some strong statements concerning our confession or stand as a follower of Jesus before others. "But he who denies _____ before men will be denied before the angels of _____.

Rejected by Jesus because they rejected Jesus – some will be very sorry in that day!

Confess ... deny – the point lies in doing it "before men," this means we take a stand and should we be rejected, mocked or receive exclusion from the crowds because we confessed Him as our Lord. As such Jesus will confess we are His "before the angels of God." For the comparison see Luke 9:26.

5. There is also a difference given between the "Son of Man" = Jesus and the Holy Spirit, who is from God.
And anyone who speaks a word _____ the Son of Man, it will be _____ him; but to him who blasphemes against the _____ it will not be _____ him.

BLAS'PHEMY, n. An indignity offending to God by words or writing; reproachful, contemptuous or irreverent words uttered slanderously against God. Blasphemy is an injury or slap in the face to God, by denying that which is due and belonging to Him, or attributing to Him that which is not in accord to His nature. Using God's name as a curse word for example or in a curse statement would be blasphemy.

IM'PIOUSLY, adv. With irreverence for God, or contempt for his authority; profanely; wickedly. Without respect for His Character, Nature, or Authority as God the Creator of all things.

6. Jesus gave warning that as disciples or followers they would be brought into the **Synagogues**

SYNAGOGUE, n. syn'agog.

1. A congregation or assembly of Jews, met for the purpose of worship or religious rites.

2. A temporary religious meeting place that was local – as the Temple was in Jerusalem

Before the **Magistrates and Authorities** because they were followers of Jesus

MAG'ISTRATE, n.

A public civil officer, invested with the executive government of some branch of it. But the word is more particularly applied to subordinate officers, as governors, prefects, mayors, Justices of the peace, Judges and the like.

do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. For the _____ will _____ you in that very hour what you ought to say.

Jesus teaches concerning Greed and Covetousness

Read Chapter 12:13-21

7. A man in the crowd addressed Jesus to fix a problem with his brother concerning a division of inheritance. This prompted Jesus to teach about covetousness.
"Man who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?" And He said to them, "Take heed and _____ of _____, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of _____ he possesses.

8. Jesus spoke in a parable [story using things known to the people of the day] It concerned a rich man who thought to store up all his riches and build bigger barns to keep it in; to eat, drink, and be merry. "God said to him, _____ this night your _____ will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided? So is he who lays up treasure for _____ and is not rich toward _____.

COVETOUSNESS, n.

1. A strong or excessive desire of obtaining and possessing some supposed good; usually in a bad sense, and applied to an excessive desire of wealth or greediness.

Jesus used everyday things to explain God's care for all of His Creation

Read Chapter 12:22-34

9. Jesus said to His disciples they should not worry about life, eating, or what to wear. Life is more important than food, and the body is more than clothing. Consider the Ravens they neither _____ or _____, which have neither storehouse or barn and _____ feeds them. Of how much more value are _____ than the birds?
10. What did Jesus say about worry? Vs 25 _____
11. Jesus told them to consider the lilies what do they not do? _____ or _____
12. If God so clothes the grass which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He _____ you. O you of _____?
13. Jesus told them not to be like the world seeking things to satisfy temporary desires but make the focus of life to seek the Kingdom of God. "Sell what you have and give

Alms

'ALMS, 'amz. [Eng. almesse; L. eleemosyna; Gr. to pity.]

Any thing given gratuitously to relieve the poor, as money, food, or clothing, otherwise called charity.

provide yourselves with money bags which do not grow old , a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys.

For where _____ treasure is, there _____ heart will be also.

Jesus said they were to be - Servants watching and waiting for they will give account for what they have done in His absence until He returns.

Read Chapter 12:35-48

14. Jesus told them they should gird themselves that means to be dressed and waiting for the return of the Master. [Implying Jesus when He returns]
In verse 37 " _____ are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have _____ sit down to eat, and will come and _____ them.

15. Jesus use terms like second watch and third watch –

TIME

General meaning: Day = day + night

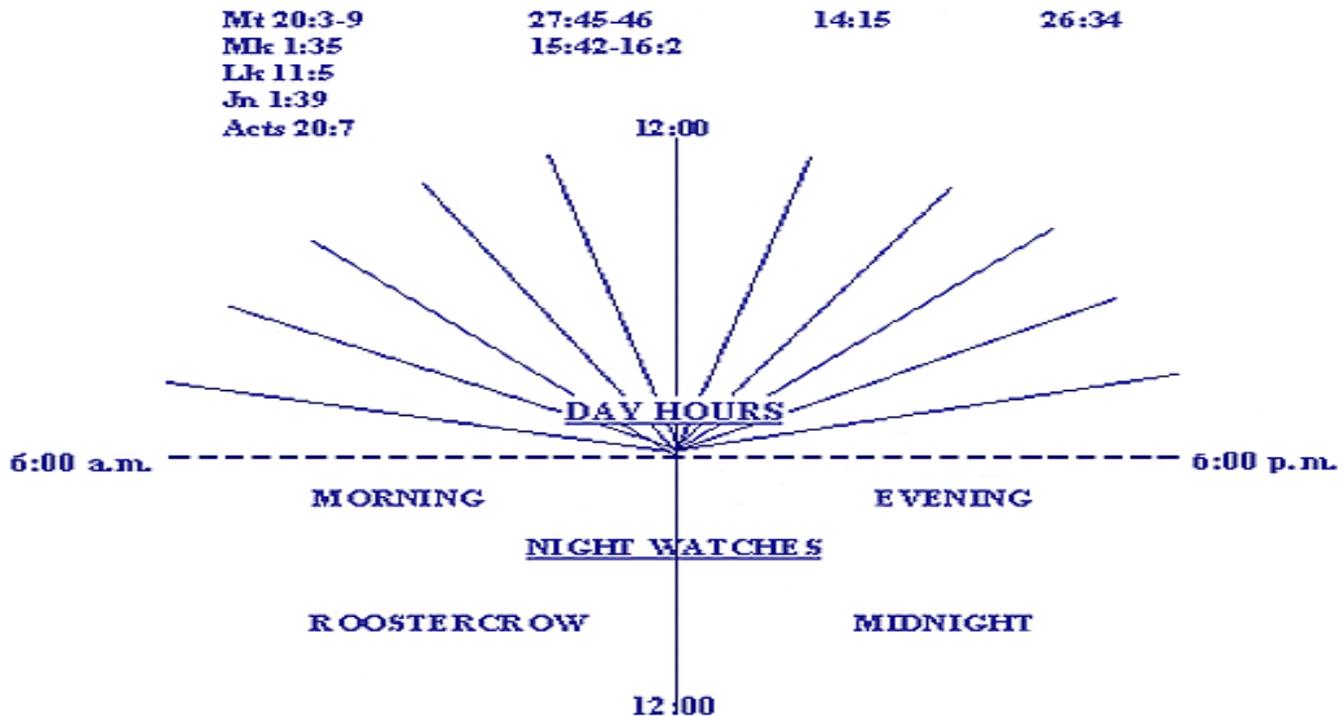
Specific meaning: Day = 12 hours
 Night = 4 watches:
 Evening, Midnight, Roostercrow, Morning

Jn 11:9

Mk 13:35

A new day begins with the first three visible night lights.

Neh 4:21



The Jewish night was divided into three watches, (Exodus 14:24) (Judges 7:19) (1 Samuel 11:11). Under the Roman system, the period from sunrise to sunset had four watches in twelve hours, the sixth hour being at midday.

Here are the time divisions:

First watch - Sunset To 9 P. M.

Second Watch - 9 P. M. To Midnight

Third Watch - Midnight To 3 A. M.

Fourth Watch - 3 A. M. To Sunrise

First Watch - Sunrise To 9 A. M.

Second Watch - 9 A. M. - To Noon

Third Watch - Noon To 3 P. M.

Fourth Watch - 3 P.M. To Sunset

The year was based on a lunar-solar system. The Hebrew months were alternately 30 and 29 days long. Their year, shorter than ours, had 354 days.

A supplementary month was added to correct the lag of the lunar cycle behind the solar cycle. About every 3 years (7 times in 19 years) an extra 29 - day month Ve-Adar, was usually added before Nisan. After the exile, the Jews had adopted Babylonian names for the months.

The Jewish Time was divided as follows:

Third hour--6am-9am

Sixth hour--9am-12pm

Ninth hour--12pm-3pm

Twelfth hour--3pm-6pm

First Watch--6pm-9pm

Second Watch--9pm-12am

Third Watch--12am-3am

Fourth Watch--3am-6am

Verse 40 completes the meaning of what Jesus was saying to them.

"Therefore you also be _____, for the Son of Man is _____ at an hour you do not _____"

16. Peter asked if Jesus was giving this parable to them or to all people. Jesus replied with a question. Vs 42 "Who then is that _____ and _____ steward / servant, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? Vs 43 " _____ is that servant whom his master will find _____ when he comes.

A servant or steward is one left in charge to take care of the master's household:

Vs 44 – He has made him ruler over all

Vs 45 – If the servant fails to rule, instead misuses or mistreats those entrusted to him

Vs 46 – the master will return at an hour he is not aware, cut him in two and cast out

Vs 47 – the servant who did not prepare or do as instructed will be beaten

Vs 48 – the servant who did not know and failed will be beaten with few stripes

Jesus was relating the parable to all and each will receive proper measure according to what was entrusted to them – whether they did or did not do as told

Vs 48 concludes in Jesus telling them; "For _____ to whom _____ is given, from him _____ will be required; and to whom _____ has been committed, of him they will ask _____.

Jesus applied the parable to all people and explained that each one has a measure that has been entrusted to them. If they fail to use what has been given they will give an account. **Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed to men once to die, but after this the judgment,**

Jesus explains that He has come to send fire on the earth – meaning that He has come to start a division of believers and unbelievers for some will not turn from Sin even within the same household.

Read Chapter 12:49-53

17. Jesus explains what will happen because of His coming. We have already seen that He has come to bring the "Good News" the Gospel and some accept gaining eternal life by Faith in Jesus – some reject and lose their souls.

Jesus explains that this will bring division. Vs 51 "Do you suppose that I came to give _____ on the earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather _____."

18. Jesus said the division would even be within the family. A very sobering thought that we will be so divided. If Jesus warns us that it will be painful, even dividing families He is warning us that we must suffer at times to gain the Truth or take the easy way and lose it all. Vs 53 "Father will be divided against _____ and Son against _____, Mother against _____ and Daughter against _____, Mother In Law against her _____ and Daughter In Law against her _____.

Compare Parallel verses

Mat 10:34-36

Think not that I am come ... - This is taken from [Mic 7:6](#). Christ did not here mean to say that the object of his coming was to produce discord and contention, for he was the Prince of Peace, [Isa 9:6](#); [Isa 11:6](#); [Luke 2:14](#); but he means to say that such would be one of the effects of his coming. One part of a family that was opposed to Him would set themselves against those who believed in him. The wickedness of men, and not the following of the gospel, is the cause of this hostility. It is unnecessary to say that no prophecy has been more strikingly fulfilled; and it will continue to be fulfilled until all unite in obeying his commandments. Then His Gospel will produce universal peace.

The evidence is before our eyes we have never seen such division, disruption and breakdown of families as we now have. There is no faithfulness, honesty or integrity that holds the family unit together as each one seeks their own selfishness in various ways. The only hope for restoration, peace and real unity is in the Truth of Love demonstrated by Jesus as He taught the disciples to live, teach, and demonstrate as the desire of God for His creation.

Jesus then explains that the people are able to know when rain is coming, or when the wind blows from a certain direction that hot weather is coming. But with all their knowledge they still fail to see that the times before them now call for "Repentance and turning back to God" The world will become harsher, harder, and less giving than ever before so they needed to see clearly that they might survive. Jesus was giving them examples in things they understood in daily life to explain the spiritual things He wanted them to see.

Read Chapter 12:54-59

19. Jesus told them that when they saw a cloud rising out of the east they knew rain was coming. Then said they could determine from the wind coming from the south that hot weather was on the way. Jesus was upset with the blindness: Vs 56
" _____!! You can discern [know] the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern [know] this time?"

HYP'OCRITE, n.

1. One who pretends to be what he is not; one who has the form of godliness without the power, or who assumes an appearance of goodness and honesty when he is bankrupt of true character or ability to tell truth.

20. Jesus even goes further to describe their failure to be honest within themselves. Vs 57 "Yes, and why, even of _____, do you not judge what is _____?"
21. Jesus tells them the cost of being dishonest, that adversary's take each other to courts and to judges who put them in prison exacting the maximum punishment on each other.
Vs 59 "I tell you, you shall not depart from there till you have _____ the very last _____.

Luke Bible Study Questions

1a. _____

1b. _____

1c. _____

1d. _____

2a. _____

2b. _____

2c. _____

3a. _____

3b. _____

3c. _____

4a. _____

4b. _____

5a. _____

5b. _____

5c. _____

5d. _____

6a. _____

6b. _____

7a. _____

7b. _____

7c. _____

8a. _____

8b. _____

8c. _____

8d. _____

9a. _____

9b. _____

9c. _____

9d. _____

10. _____

11a. _____

11b. _____

12a. _____

12b. _____

13a. _____

13b. _____

14a. _____

14b. _____

14c. _____

15a. _____

15b. _____

15c. _____

Night Division

First Watch? _____

Second Watch? _____

Third Watch? _____

Fourth Watch? _____

Luke Bible Study Questions

16a. _____

16b. _____

16c. _____

16d. _____

16e. _____

16f. _____

16g. _____

16h. _____

16i. _____

17a. _____

17b. _____

18a. _____

18b. _____

18c. _____

18d. _____

18e. _____

18f. _____

19. _____

20a. _____

20b. _____

21a. _____

21b. _____

Day Division

Third hour-- _____

Sixth hour-- _____

Ninth hour-- _____

Twelfth hour-- _____

7b. __Covetousness_____

7c. __Things_____

8a. __Fool_____

8b. __Soul_____

8c. __Himself_____

8d. __God_____

9a. __Sow_____

9b. __Reap_____

9c. __God_____

9d. __You_____

10. __Who can add cubit to height

11a. __Toil_____

11b. __Spin_____

12a. __Clothe_____

12b. __Little Faith_____

13a. __Your_____

13b. __Your_____

14a. __Blessed_____

14b. __Them_____

14c. __Serve_____

15a. __Ready_____

15b. __Coming_____

15c. __Expect_____

Luke Bible Study Answers

1a. __Leaven_____

1b. __Revealed_____

1c. __Light _____

1d. __Proclaimed_____

2a. __Him_____

2b. __Hell_____

2c. __Him_____

3a. __Forgotten_____

3b. __You_____

3c. __Value_____

4a. __Me_____

4b. __God_____

5a. __Against_____

5b. __Forgiven_____

5c. __Holy Spirit_____

5d. __Forgiven_____

6a. __Holy Spirit_____

6b. __Teach_____

7a. __Beware_____

Night Division

First Watch? ___6pm – 9pm_____

Second Watch? ___9pm – 12am_____

Third Watch? ___12am – 3am_____

Fourth Watch? ___3am – 6am_____

Luke Bible Study Answers

16a. ___Faithful_____

16b. ___Wise_____

16c. ___Blessed_____

16d. ___So doing_____

16e. ___Everyone_____

16f. ___Much_____

16g. ___Much_____

16h. ___Much_____

16i. ___More_____

17a. ___Peace_____

17b. ___Division_____

18a. ___Son_____

18b. ___Father_____

18c. ___Daughter_____

18d. ___Mother_____

18e. ___Daughter In Law_____

18f. ___Mother In Law_____

19. ___Hypocrites_____

20a. ___Yourselves_____

20b. ___Right_____

21a. ___Paid_____

21b. ___Mite_____

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