

## Luke 12:1-12 **Hazards and Encouragement**

### Warning against the danger of the influence from pretentious Pharisees

<sup>1</sup> In the meantime, when an innumerable multitude of people had gathered together, so that they trampled one another, He began to say to His disciples first of all, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

### All secrets will be revealed

<sup>2</sup> For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. <sup>3</sup> Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.

### Fear God, not men

<sup>4</sup> "And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. <sup>5</sup> But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!

### Value of believers

<sup>6</sup> Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. <sup>7</sup> But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

### Acknowledge Jesus, and He will acknowledge you

<sup>8</sup> "Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God. <sup>9</sup> But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

### Unforgivable Sin

<sup>10</sup> And anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven.

### Holy Spirit speaking through Believers

<sup>11</sup> Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. <sup>12</sup> For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say." NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

#### Hazards of Ministry

- ✠ "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees which is hypocrisy [Matthew 16:6, Mark 8:15, Luke 12:1]
- ✧ Jesus had already addressed the dangerous error of the traditions and doctrine of the Pharisees. [Matthew 5:20, 12:1-8, 24-30, 15:1-20, Mark 7:1-23, Isaiah 29:13]
- ✧ They finally understood, He was warning against the doctrinal influence of the Pharisees and Sadducees, whose doctrine was as far out of line with the heart of God as were the counselors of Job. [Matthew 16:12, Job 42:7-8]

#### All Secrets will be Revealed

- ✠ For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. [Luke 12:2, Matthew 10:26]

- ✧ Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops. [Luke 12:3, Matthew 10:27]
- ✧ At the Judgment Seat of Christ, all will be revealed openly and called for accounting. [Matthew 12:36, Romans 2:16, 14:10-12, 1 Corinthians 4:5, 2 Corinthians 5:10, 2 Timothy 4:1, Hebrews 4:13, 1 Peter 4:5]
- ✧ Each person will certainly answer to God Himself, for everything he has done as well as for every choice he has made. [Romans 14:10-12, Matthew 10:5-15, Luke 10:16, Luke 9:23-26]
- ✧ Knowing this, will also help us to preach the truth of the Word of God with boldness

### Fear God, not men

- ✧ "And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. [Luke 12:4, Matthew 10:28]
- ✧ But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him! [Luke 12:5, Matthew 10:28]
- ✧ Do not fear mankind, but fear God.
- ✧ Hell is so terrible, that to risk going there just to save your life is beyond intelligent consideration. [Matthew 5:29-30, 18:8-9, Mark 9:43-48, Luke 16:19-31]
- ✧ This is the choice you will be forced to make during the Great Tribulation when the Antichrist and False prophet come on the scene and demand that you take the “Mark of the Beast” to save your life, but the end result is that you will seal your fate to the Lake of fire if you capitulate. [Revelation 13:11-18, 14:9-11, 19:20, 20:4]

### Value of believers

- ✧ Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. [Luke 12:6-7]
- ✧ God knows if one sparrow falls to the ground. [Matthew 10:29, Luke 12:6]
- ✧ God values each human being as of much greater value than many sparrows. [Matthew 10:30-31, Luke 12: 7]
- ✧ The very hairs of your head are numbered. [Matthew 10:30, Luke 12:7]

### Acknowledge Jesus, and He will acknowledge you

- ✧ Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God. 9 But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God. [Luke 12:8-9, Matthew 10:32-33]
- ✧ It is important to openly acknowledge Jesus as Lord and Savior while we are on this earth, because our destiny is at stake. It will impact the results of our judgment on the day of judgment.

### Unforgivable Sin

- ✧ And anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven. [Mark 3:28-30, Matthew 12:31-32, Luke 12:10]
- ✧ Jesus has been making the contrast between acknowledgment of the work of the Holy Spirit, and crediting Satan for the work of the Holy Spirit. [Mark 3:28-30, Matthew 12:31-32, Luke 11:18]
- ✧ To claim that Satan has done what is actually the work of the Holy Spirit, is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. Blasphemy is defined as “to speak evil of.”
- ✧ To say that the work of the Holy Spirit, is the work of Satan, is clearly speaking evil of the work of the Holy Spirit.
- ✧ That, Jesus said, is unforgivable in this age or in the age to come.

- ✚ Today, those who have given Satan credit for things the Holy Spirit has done, are playing with fire.
  - ✧ The only hope is that it was done in ignorance, and they come to repentance before it is too late.
  - ✧ If the conscience is pricked by this revelation, it is not too late. When you know the truth, Jesus would have you repent and stop doing so, that you may be forgiven for doing it in ignorance.
  - ✧ To deliberately continue in the practice, will seal your fate as one who deliberately has chosen to blaspheme the Holy Spirit, and that will not be acceptable to God. [[Hebrews 10:26-27](#)]

### Holy Spirit speaking through Believers

- ✚ Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say." [[Luke 12:11-12](#), [Matthew 10:19](#)]
  - ✧ The statement is not "If," but "When," they deliver you up.
  - ✧ This indicates the certainty that the Saint of God will face persecution, and especially in the last days. [[Matthew 24:9](#), [Mark 13:9](#), [Luke 21:12-13](#), [2 Timothy 3:12](#)]
- ✚ The command is, "Do not worry about how or what you should speak." [[Matthew 10:19](#), [Mark 13:11](#), [Luke 12:11](#), [21:14-15](#)]
  - ✧ Jesus does not want us to plan out or rehearse our a testimony beforehand, but to depend on the Holy Spirit to give us the proper words to share as we are given the opportunity.
  - ✧ The Spirit of your Father is the One Who speaks in you. [[Matthew 10:20](#), [Mark 13:11](#), [Luke 12:11-12](#), [21:14-15](#)]