

PRACTICE JUSTICE AND THE LOVE OF GOD

Luke 11:29-54

Key Verse: 11:42

"Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone."

Study Questions:

1. For what did Jesus rebuke the "wicked generation"? Who was Jonah and why did Jesus say that he could give them no sign except the sign of Jonah? How was Jonah a sign to the people of Nineveh? How was Jesus, the Son of Man, a sign to his times?
2. Read verses 31-32. Who was the Queen of the South? Why was she much better than the religious leaders of Jesus' day? Why did Jesus tell them this story? Why were the people of Nineveh saved? How does a sign-seeking mentality keep people from God? (1Co 1:22) How is it like a slave mentality?
3. Read verses 33-36. What is the purpose of a lamp? Why were the religious leaders in spiritual darkness? How could they (and we) have spiritual insight?
4. Read verses 37-38. How did Jesus shock the Pharisee who invited him to dinner? Read verses 39-41. What is really dirty and what is the way of cleansing? Read verse 42. What is more important than religious ritual?
5. Read verses 43-54. How did Jesus' humility contrast with the attitude and goals of the Pharisees? (43-45) Why are religious leaders responsible for the godlessness, injustice, and corruption of society? (46-54)