

## **Lesson 40**

### **Luke 12:1-12**

#### **Introduction:**

As Jesus ministry continues during the period of His popularity we begin to see a further divide between His teaching and the practices of many religious leaders of the day. This passage calls on those who choose to follow Him to be clear about the need to make a decisive choice and the ramifications of that choice.

#### **Scripture:**

Luke 12:1-12 Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: “Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. 2 There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. 3 What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.

4 “I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. 5 But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. 6 Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. 7 Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

8 “I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. 9 But whoever disowns me before others will be disowned before the angels of God. 10 And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

11 “When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, 12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.”

#### **Dive Deeper:**

1. Define hypocrisy -

1. What was the hypocrisy of the Pharisees and why was it detrimental to those seeking to worship God?
2. How does Jesus warn us about the consequences and ramifications of hypocrisy?
3. How does Jesus' warning about whom to fear and why apply to us today? In what ways do believers give in to fear?
4. What does it mean to blaspheme the Holy Spirit and why is it called "the unforgivable sin"?
5. How does the Holy Spirit help us in times of distress or trouble when we are confronted by the world?

**Scripture for the day:**

Monday – 1 Peter 2:1-3

Tuesday – Job 2:3

Wednesday – Psalm 25:20-22

Thursday – Matthew 22:15-16

Friday – Titus 2:7