

“I Will Send Prophets And Apostles”

Woes On Hard And Unbelieving Hearts, And God’s Answer

Luke 11:45 - 12:3

Jesus did not hesitate to offend people – especially spiritual leadership. Here in Luke 11 he even offended a Pharisee (v 37) in his own home. This dramatic episode continues as a “lawyer” (i.e. a teacher of the law) objects to Jesus’ teaching, bringing three Woes on these “professors.” Behold the Son of God exposing a stiff-necked national leadership (cf. Ex. 32-33). Behold the Wisdom of God (v 49) sending “prophets and apostles” to suffer while pointing people to the kingdom of God in Christ.

I. Woe to the _____ (v 46).

1. The _____ imposed are accumulated extra-Biblical regulations.
2. An example of the load _____ to _____: the _____ at *Shabbat* 10.3.
3. Instead of preaching _____ these “seminary professors” kept _____ more “laws,” which some scholars believed were more IMPORTANT than Scripture.

II. Woe to the _____ (v 47-51).

1. These scholars were in _____ against the Word of God.
2. It is _____ to live in the _____ admiring dead prophets than living the _____ doing what the prophet _____. Historical _____ can replace _____ obedience.
3. Jesus connects the prophets to the _____ - _____ events of his _____ (v 49-51). The proof is how “this _____” will treat the _____.

III. Woe to _____ (v 52a; Col. 2:3).

1. Possessing _____ they were supposed to _____ the _____ to knowledge.
2. Jesus says they have _____ the _____ to eternal life, and were _____ others.
3. What is the “_____ of _____?” This woe teaches us _____.

IV. Woe _____: entering God’s Kingdom despite _____ (v 52b-12:3)

1. Can you imagine the _____ at this table? They were after him like an _____.
2. Isaiah (6:5) was not _____ by God’s holiness, but _____. Are you?
3. What is _____ you from submissive repentance, child-like faith, and active obedience? The church is built on Apostles/Prophets and Christ (Eph. 2:20; 3:5; 4:11).