

ANTHROPOPHOBIA

Luke 12:1-9

“The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.”--Proverbs 29:25

All suffer the fear of man: we fear their _____; we fear what they _____ about us, what they can _____ to us

I. AN ILLUSTRATION OF THE FEAR OF MAN: _____ 12:1-3

A. Jesus compared the detrimental influence of the Pharisees because of their hypocrisy to _____

1) Just as yeast spreads through _____, the teaching of the Pharisees spread to the common Jew

2) In preparations for the Day of Atonement, God used leaven as an object lesson for _____

B. Jesus went to the heart of the matter when He warned it is the _____ of man that motivates hypocrisy

II. AN ANTIDOTE FOR THE FEAR OF MAN: THE FEAR OF _____ 12:4-5

We can overcome even the worst fear—the fear of _____—by exercising an even greater fear

A. This overcoming fear is founded upon the greatest possible _____ --love for the God who saved us

B. Jesus sets this issue in an eternal context: the greatest fear is of the God who can assign us to _____

C. If this dynamic holds for the most extreme form of the fear of man, it holds for _____ forms as well

III. AN ANTIDOTE FOR THE FEAR OF MAN: _____ IN GOD 12:6-7

A. We can always trust God because He is never _____

1) God is concerned with even the most insignificant _____ that were sold in the marketplace

2) God knows the number of _____ on our heads: He knows things about us that we do not

3) If God is aware and concerned, then we can _____ Him since He loves us and is all-powerful

B. We can always trust God because He _____ us

1) God values us more than an entire _____ of sparrows; the truth that God values us is proven by His sending His only begotten Son to die for us and make us part of His family

2) According to Prov. 29:25, trust in God will deliver us from being _____ by the fear of man

IV. AN ISSUE IN REGARD TO THE FEAR OF MAN: CONFESSION OR _____ 12:8-9

A. If we _____ Jesus before men, then He will _____ us before God in heaven

B. If we _____ Jesus before men, then He will _____ us before God in heaven

C. What might cause a person who follows Jesus to deny Him? It always boils down to the _____ of man

D. The most excruciating example of such denial was that of _____ the night before Jesus was crucified

1) Earlier Jesus said that Satan asked to _____ Peter like wheat—to tempt him to deny Jesus

2) We all face the temptation to _____ Jesus and what He has done for us and means to us