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TABLE TALK

Luke 11:37-54

- I. The setting: (37-38)
 - A. Jesus takes the time to eat with a Pharisee. (37)
 - B. The Pharisee was astonished that He did not wash before dinner. (38)
- II. Jesus Speaks to the Pharisees and Lawyers: (39-52)
 - A. Christ's message of woe to the Pharisees:
 1. Pharisees were more concerned with the external — the observable.
~ God is more concerned with the internal — the hidden. (39-41)
 2. Pharisees were more concerned with giving of material things - *mint, rue, every herb*. (man produced).
~ God is more concerned with demonstrating His nature through our actions - *justice and love*. (God produced.) (42)
 3. Christ's summary of the Pharisees:
You think you are significant ... yet you are actually contaminating those who come near you. (43-44)
 - B. Christ's message of woe to the Lawyers:
 1. You are **hypocritical** ... loading people with burdens you do not carry. (45-46)
 2. You are **compliant** ... agreeing with your father's harsh treatment of God's prophets. (47-51)
 3. You are a **spiritual obstacle** ... taking away the key of knowledge. (52)
 - C. Result: Both the Pharisees and Lawyers were in opposition to God. (53-54)
- III. Application:

Christ came to have a personal relationship with us so that we will become aware of who we are and move toward spiritual health.

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The Call to Worship

*Hymn 2 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart, to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise His name – I'm fixed upon it –
Name of God's redeeming love.

Hither to Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro't me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above.

*Unison Scripture Reading

Psalm 150

¹Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.

²Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

³Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,

⁴praise him with tambourine and dancing,
praise him with the strings and flute,

⁵praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

⁶Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD.

*Hymn No. 10 *O Worship the King* (Verses 1 & 2)

O worship the King, all-glorious above,
And gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

*Invocation

Scripture Reading Luke 11: 37-54

³⁷ When Jesus had finished speaking, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him; so he went in and reclined at the table. ³⁸ But the Pharisee, noticing that Jesus did not first wash before the meal, was surprised.

³⁹ Then the Lord said to him, "Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰ You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? ⁴¹ But give what is inside the dish to the poor, and everything will be clean for you.

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.

⁴³ "Woe to you Pharisees, because you love the most important seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces.

⁴⁴ "Woe to you, because you are like unmarked graves, which men walk over without knowing it."

⁴⁵ One of the experts in the law answered him, "Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us also."

⁴⁶ Jesus replied, "And you experts in the law, woe to you, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them.

⁴⁷ “Woe to you, because you build tombs for the prophets, and it was your forefathers who killed them. ⁴⁸ So you testify that you approve of what your forefathers did; they killed the prophets, and you build their tombs. ⁴⁹ Because of this, God in his wisdom said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and others they will persecute.’ ⁵⁰ Therefore this generation will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world, ⁵¹ from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be held responsible for it all.

⁵² “Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering.”

⁵³ When Jesus left there, the Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to oppose him fiercely and to besiege him with questions, ⁵⁴ waiting to catch him in something he might say.

The Anthem

*Doxology

Morning Sermon

Dr. Paul A. Brown, Pastor

TABLE TALK

The Setting

*Hymn No. 372

Living for Jesus (vs. 1, 2, 4)

verse 1

Living for Jesus a life that is true, striving to please Him in all that I do, yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free—
this is the pathway of blessing for me.

Chorus:

O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,
For Thou in Thine atonement didst give Thyself for me.
I own no other Master—my heart shall be Thy throne:
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.

verse 2

Living for Jesus who died in my place, bearing on Calv’ry my sin and disgrace—such love constrains me to answer His call, follow

His leading and give Him my all.

Chorus (see above)

verse 4

Living for Jesus thru earth’s little while, my dearest treasure the light of His smile, seeking the lost ones He died to redeem, bringing the weary to find rest in Him.

Chorus:

O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,
For Thou in Thine atonement didst give Thyself for me.
I own no other Master—my heart shall be Thy throne:
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.

The Offering of Thanks and Praise

Offertory

Sermon Continued

Jesus Speaks to the Pharisees and Lawyers

Morning Prayer

Hymn No. 410

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (verse 1)

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine;
Now hear me when I pray, take all my sin away;
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

Sermon Concluded

The Application

Song of Response

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction No. 372 *Living for Jesus* (Refrain)

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For Thou in Thine atonement didst give Thyself for me.
I own no other Master—my heart shall be Thy throne:
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*Postlude