

Grace Bible Chapel

Luke – Message #107

Sunday, January 4th, 2026

Luke 11:37-44 – The Rot & Ruin of False Light, Pt. I

V. Jesus' Journey Toward Jerusalem (9:51-19:27)

a. Ministry in Samaria, Bethany, and Judea (9:51-13:35)

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xx. What More Do You Want? (29-32)

xxi. The Lamp, the Lens, the Lie, and the Light (33-36)

xxii. **The Rot & Ruin of False Light – Pts I & II** (37-54)

Key Passage: Luke 11:39, "But the Lord said to him, 'Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the platter; but inside of you, you are full of robbery and wickedness.'"

Introduction: _____

I. **The Offense:** (vv.37-38; Mk 7:1-5) _____

II. **The Origin:** (vv.39-41; 1 Sam 16:7; Titus 1:15-16; Mt 15:18-20) _____

III. **The Outcome:** (vv.42-44; Mt 23:23-28; Micah 6:8; Hos 6:6) _____

Conclusion: _____

Reflection Questions:

- 1) When was the last time God’s Word actually challenged something in my life, instead of just confirming what I already think and do? What might He be challenging me on today?
- 2) Where am I drifting into an outside-in kind of Christianity—polishing behavior and appearances—rather than an inside-out righteousness that flows from a heart humbled by grace?
- 3) If others followed my example, would they be learning to rest in Christ’s righteousness, or to trust religious performance and externals?

Heart Check:

- False light defends empty religious systems, while true light humbles the heart before Christ and leads the sinner into honest repentance and joyful obedience. Am I clinging to what makes me look righteous, or am I letting the light of Christ expose and cleanse what’s really inside?

“If men’s religion prevails not to conquer and cure the wickedness of their hearts, it shall not always serve for a cloak. The day is coming when hypocrites will be stripped of their fig leaves.” – Matthew Henry