

✚ In Luke 12:1 Jesus warns us of the greatest threat that has ever or ever will exist, false religion and their false teaching. Notice: Jesus doesn't just warn them about Pharisees but about their teachings and influence. False teaching is like a virus that continues to mutate and change, the location, names, variants, and philosophies all change as time progresses. All of it is hypocrisy, spiritual hypocrisy. "Beware of the yeast," "Beware of the pervasive influence of false religion that is all around you." How do we do that? By honoring God for who He is and not for who we want Him to be, which is the essence of false religion and idolatry, wanting God to be something else, it is a result of our turning our back on who He is! Turning our backs on God starts very simply and almost imperceptibly: Romans 1:21-22. Hebrews 11:6; We "must believe that He is."

1. You cannot come to a God who is something other than what the Scriptures reveal Him to be. God presents Himself in the Bible as a Trinity, three in one, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

- ✓ Someone to Fear, because God will reveal everything Luke 12:2, misses nothing Luke 12:6, has the capacity to throw us into Hell. Someone to Confess, if we want to come to God, we must confess the truth about His Son, we cannot reject Christ and know God: Luke 10:16; 1st John 2:23. Someone to Hear, we must listen to His Spirit, or we will never be forgiven, Luke 12:10.

2. No one comes to the Father except through the Son, and no one come to the Son except by the Spirit, this is critical!

- ✓ It is the Spirit of God that tells us and teaches us about Christ, and it is through Christ that we come to the Father. This is why we have to listen to Spirit as He speaks to us or there is no forgiveness of our sins. God and the reality of God the Father speaks to us in broad terms through the created order; God spoke more specifically and visually through the appearing of His Son to die for our sins, now the truth of God the Father and the Son is brought to our hearts through the message of His Spirit.
- ✓ It is one thing to speak against God the father who is invisible, and a word against the Son will be forgiven, Matthew 12:32, but Matthew 12:33. God through His Spirit comes all the way to our hearts to speak to us, we will not get a closer touch from God! To reject this final Word from God is to blaspheme or reject the God's final offer, there is no remedy for that.

3. We cannot come to God through intuition or intellect: 1st Corinthians 1:21. People don't approach God through some transcendental exercise: Romans 3:11.

- ✓ False teaching is every human's attempt to reach God, every teacher and religion attempts to build its own tower of Babel, but it will never be tall enough, never high enough. In fact, we cannot reach God in and of ourselves, our only hope is to listen to the voice of God reaching down to us: Romans 10:7.
- ✓ Who is the author of this Word? The Holy Spirit: 1st Peter 1:20-21. It is the Spirit who Speaks the truth to us about God and He doesn't do it through some mystical experience or trance; He does it through the Scripture--through the Bible. 1st Peter 1:23.

4. Notice the Pattern: You cannot know the Father except through the Son, and you will not be able to know the Son unless you believe the testimony of the Spirit.

- ✓ The Spirit is the Gatekeeper, we have to come first through Him. We have to confess the Son to be saved "Confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord," we can only do this through the Spirit. He's the gatekeeper: 1st Corinthians 12:3. It is the Spirit of God who has the final call, the final Word: John 14:26; John 15:26. There's not another Teacher; not another Witness that God is sending to us. If you reject the Spirit's teachings and His testimony, there is not remedy.

To avoid the greatest threat to humanity, false teaching, you must come to the true God. It begins with Fear, progresses to confessing the Son, but you can only do those things by believing the testimony of the Spirit.
