

The Book of Incarnations! **Part 10: In the Spotlight!** *Slide Notations*

Matt 16, Mark 8, Luke 12 “And the Pharisees came with the Sadducees seeking a sign, an indication from Him that He was from heaven. Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees... which is hypocrisy. For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed...” And they reasoned among themselves and concluded, ‘He said that because we got in this ship with less than one loaf of bread!’ And Jesus watched all this and said, “Oh you little faithers, why would you think I would be concerned about having no lunch? You know I can feed 5,000 people with five little rolls... you know that I can feed four thousand people with a few loaves and have baskets left over... so how is it that you came to the conclusion I was talking about food? Are your hearts that hard? Can’t you see or hear what I am saying? Then they understood He wasn’t talking about leavened bread but the leavening effects of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

The Inspiration...

It’s Sad-you-see to be a Pharisee! Miss so much, being hardened off! More sold out to the party than principle!
It’s bad to be a deaf, blind and dull disciple too! Don’t get it? Just say the first thing that comes into your mind!
I say “Leaven...” You say, “Bread!” ***It’s good to say, “You tell me what I know!” Rev 7.14***

But inspiration alone is not enough... we need the truth to come alive in us and make a difference!

Incarnation...

Tempting Jesus to prove Himself is not a good thing! **For them:** to answer/demands: “No proofs but the sign of Jonas” **Lk11.29** 3 days underground, alive, *is enough!* If you can’t believe what you see now, maybe then you’ll know! **For us:** “Show me a sign” is often replaced with, “if You do this for me I’ll...” “fleeing” is OT = NT unbelief!

If we live the life, we won’t need any further proofs! What He does, if not what He did, is enough proof of who He is!

Hypokrisis: Acting a part, feigning a part, is not a good thing! ***Txts Hypocrites play a role to win adoration... but it is planned/carried out theater! One good role leads to bigger ones!*** The longer you play a character role the harder it is to come out! “hypocrisy is the only evil that walks invisible, except to God!” Two tongues, two faces, fair speech!

In character... “Actors” can make “a fair show” out of anything! Of giving! **Mt 6.2 23.23** Of praying! **Mt6.5 Lk18.10-14** Of fasting and praying! **Mt6.16** Honoring God! **Mt15.7 Mk7.6** Wisdom! **Mt16.3 22.18 23.16,17** Of purity! **Mt23.25 Lk13.15** Of Sin/judgment! **1Cor5.1-3 1T1.20** Of keeping/doing the law!
Multiple texts

In character... Beware... playing a role, hypocrisy! You can put lipstick on the pig but the smell of bacon will come thru! You can put rags on Cinderella but you can’t hide her beauty and charm! You can “dress the part” of a believer but you’re going to be uncovered... You can say one thing here and whisper another at home... it will be shouted out! You can Milli-Vanilli... be embarrassed!

I can live a lie for the sake of the spotlight or I can live worthy to bear God’s light!

Beware... of keeping up appearances! Mt23.25-28 **Woe:** making the outside clean when the inside is still full/darkness! You have to look inside to see if a cup is clean and fit for use! **Woe:** Painting the headstones of the dead! Next time you see someone all “whited” up you might want to remember that!

If I spend as much time cleaning out as I do covering up I’ll have nothing to hide away!

Making the traditions of men more important than the word of God is not a good, or smart, thing! Mt15.2-9
We offer/accept unsound opinions about the Word to excuse our behavior... (parents, cleanness, money, values, etc.) That’s not how we do it, how I learned it, in my family... “I’ve heard others say something else...”

I can find people to say what I want to hear but I need to hear what the Spirit has to say to me!

Bonus Footage!

Don't ever be upset by exposure! Time and again, Jesus set up confrontations! "Unwashen hands!" About to take them to school for their hardness, lack of compassion!

Relish His interventions! He is committed to refining us!

They wanted to kill Him... We should bow down and bless Him for His unending love!