

FEAR GOD, NOT MAN

Luke 12:1-12

We fear God over man...

...when we serve Him **genuinely** and avoid **hypocrisy**. (vv. 1-3)

...when we trust in His **care** and remember His **judgment**.
(vv. 4-7)

...when we **boldly** confess Jesus as Lord, knowing all will be **judged** by what they say about Him. (vv. 8-10)

...knowing that He will **speak** for us when **persecuted**. (vv. 11-12)



FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Why is hypocrisy so dangerous to the life of a believer, and how can it spread like “leaven” in a community of faith? Luke 12:1; Matt. 16:6; Gal. 5:9
2. How should the reality that God will one day reveal all hidden deeds (good and bad) impact the way we live today? Luke 12:2-3; Num. 32:23; Ecc. 12:14; 1 Cor. 4:5; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 2:16
3. How does a healthy fear of God protect us from the fear of man? Luke 12:4-5; Proverbs 9:10, 29:25; Acts 5:29; Matthew 10:28; Heb. 10:31,12:27-28; Deut. 10:12,16; Ps. 56:3-4
4. How does knowing God’s intimate care for us (even numbering the hairs on our head) give us courage to live faithfully in a hostile world? Luke 12:6-7; Psalm 139:1-4; Is. 41:10; Matt. 5:6; Rom. 8:31-39
5. Why is the profession of our faith so important? What is the consequence of one denying Jesus? Why is blasphemy of the Holy Spirit so dangerous? Luke 12:8-10; 2 Tim. 1:8-9; Matt. 12:22-32; Mark 3:22-30; Heb. 6:4-6
6. What does it mean to acknowledge Christ before others, and how does this relate to the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives particularly when persecuted? Luke 12:8-12; Matt. 5:10-12, 10:32-33; 2 Tim. 1:7-8; John 15:18; 2 Tim. 3:12; 1 Peter 4:12-14

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— C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle