

INTRODUCTION

- * Earlier in our study of Luke's account of the Gospel, we saw that Jesus shared an important detail of those who are truly part of the Kingdom of God ... having ears they will hear the message of God and they will heed what they hear! To "hear" and to "keep" - Shema (שמע) and Shamar (שמר) - is a very basic Jewish teaching. (cf. Deuteronomy 6:4-12)
- * Today, we will see Jesus reiterate this concept. The Jewish people wanted to see a sign from heaven. Jesus responds to that request with the foundational principle that the key to being blessed by God is to "Shema and Shamar" ... to Hear and to Heed!

INSTRUCTION**I. THE D _____ OF THE PRINCIPLE (v. 28)**

- * cf. Proverbs 19:16; Deuteronomy 17:19-20; Psalm 119:1-6
- * cf. Matthew 7:21-25; Romans 10:17; Ephesians 2:8-10; James 1:22-25; 2:17-26; 1 John 2:3-6

II. THE E _____ OF THE PRINCIPLE (v. 29-36)**A. The Preaching of Jonah (v. 29-30,32; Jonah 2:10-3:10)****B. The Wisdom of Solomon (v. 31; 1 Kings 10:1-13)****C. The Purpose of the Lamp (v. 33)****D. The Light of the Eye (v. 34-36; Matt 6:19-24)****III. THE A _____ OF THE PRINCIPLE (v. 37-54)****A. To The Pharisees (v. 39-44)**

1. REGARDING HYPOCRISY (v. 39-41)
2. REGARDING TITHING (v. 42)
3. REGARDING SEATING (v. 43; 14:7-11; 20:46)
4. REGARDING UNCLEANNES (v. 44; Numbers 19:16)

B. To The Lawyers (v. 45-52)

1. YOU BURDEN OTHERS WITH ITEMS YOU WILL NOT TOUCH (v. 45-46)
2. YOU BUILD THE TOMBS OF THE PROPHETS (v. 47-51)
3. YOU HAVE TAKEN AWAY THE KEY OF KNOWLEDGE (v. 52)

INTROSPECTION

- * Are you a Doer of the Word, or a Hearer Only?
- * How often do you spend time reading God's Word?
- * Did Jesus' challenges to the Pharisees and Lawyers hit too close to home?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How can we help one another protect against being hypocritical in our walk with Christ?