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Sermon –Don't Misrepresent The Lord

Scripture – Luke 12:8-21, Ezekiel 13:6-9

Main Message – Jesus' thought, teachings, and warnings are to be understood.

What I like about the 12 chapter of Luke is that you can see how Jesus evolves the conversation to hit vitally important topics. They all work together and he answers some key issues that consume the thoughts of people, like you and me. Jesus, inconveniently for those who are looking for some wiggle room to hold onto earthly things takes a big hit in this chapter.

What is blaspheming the Holy Spirit? This is in one sense the only unforgiveable sin. Want to know what it is? To know this, we need to see what we are talking about.

Recall, that in Chapter 11 Jesus hit the pharisees with all the WOES of what they were doing wrong. He warned his followers to be aware the sin of Hypocrisy. The depth of this Hypocrisy was that they were using God as a scheme to give themselves power and authority and to undermine the freedom of Christ..

Thou Shalt Not Take the Lord's Name in Vain.

Blaspheming isn't just using some swear words. It is standing in the place and position of the glory of God. It is misrepresenting Almighty Truth. It is fashioning commands and prophecies not of God. It is a mighty sin and so Mighty that Jesus warned his Followers about it.

Read Ezekiel

People claiming they represent God but are false will come to no good end. See these are people not interested in the truth of God, but what it can do for themselves. Many of the prophets in the Old testament had this same conversation with God.

This warning could not be fully appreciated if it wasn't within the context of this conversation with the Pharisees, and his disciples.

This is why I am most comfortable reading God's word to you with meaning from scripture because it most rightly represents God. I have no special insight. Does that surprise you? I am only making God's word revealed in its simplicity. Sadly, there are many, who act like pharisees, who want to daunt you with their knowledge and understanding and create new laws and observances. Beware that, for that is the Sin of the Pharisees.