

Lip Service

“In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, **Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.**”
Luke 12:1

“**Ye hypocrites**, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, **This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.**”
Matthew 15:7-8

“Wherefore the Lord said, **Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:** Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.”
Isaiah 29:13-14

Preparatory Reading: Isaiah 58; II Peter 3

Introduction:

1. We have recently considered the manifestation of the sons of God to the universe (Romans 8:17-25).
2. Peter’s description of this event includes several warning appeals (II Peter 3:1,3,9,11,12,14,17-18).
3. We have studied our Lord’s exaltation, but minding earthly things makes us enemies (Phil 3:18-19).
4. God’s warning to Israel identified their **hypocrisy** and promised His great blessings (Isaiah 58:1-14).
5. We hate insincerity toward us; our Jealous God hates it even more (Ex 34:14; Deut 4:24; Josh 24:19).
6. We live in the perilous times of the last days, when hypocrisy is quite fashionable (II Tim 3:1 – 4:5).
7. We observe the Lord’s Supper today, and woe unto us, if we partake as hypocrites (I Cor 11:28-32).
8. Speaker and hearers shall all be held accountable for what we are about to read from God’s word.

Job 8:

- 11 Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water?
- 12 Whilst it is yet in his greenness, and not cut down, it withereth before any other herb.
- 13 So are **the paths of all that forget God;** and **the hypocrite’s hope shall perish:**
- 14 Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spider’s web.
- 15 He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure.
- 16 He is green before the sun, and his branch shooteth forth in his garden.
- 17 His roots are wrapped about the heap, and seeth the place of stones.
- 18 If he destroy him from his place, then it shall deny him, saying, I have not seen thee.
- 19 **Behold, this is the joy of his way,** and out of the earth shall others grow.

Job 13:

- 15 Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.
- 16 He also shall be my salvation: for **an hypocrite shall not come before him.**

Job 15:34

For the congregation of **hypocrites shall be desolate,** and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery.

Job 17:

6 He hath made me also a byword of the people; and aforetime I was as a tabret.

7 Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, and all my members are as a shadow.

8 Upright men shall be astonished at this, and **the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite.**

9 The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.

Job 20:

4 Knowest thou not this of old, since man was placed upon earth,

5 That the triumphing of the wicked is short, and **the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment?**

6 Though his excellency mount up to the heavens, and his head reach unto the clouds;

7 Yet he shall perish for ever like his own dung: they which have seen him shall say, Where is he?

8 He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found: yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night.

9 The eye also which saw him shall see him no more; neither shall his place any more behold him.

Job 27:

7 Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous.

8 For **what is the hope of the hypocrite,** though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?

9 Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?

10 Will he delight himself in the Almighty? will he always call upon God?

Job 34:

29 When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth his face, who then can behold him? whether it be done against a nation, or against a man only:

30 **That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared.**

Job 36:

13 But the **hypocrites in heart heap up wrath:** they cry not when he bindeth them.

14 They die in youth, and their life is among the unclean.

Psalm 5:

9 For there is **no faithfulness in their mouth;** their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.

10 Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.

Psalm 50:

16 But unto the wicked God saith, **What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldst take my covenant in thy mouth?**

17 Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee.

18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.

19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.

20 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son.

21 These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.

22 Now **consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.**

23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.

Psalm 78:

34 When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and enquired early after God.

35 And they remembered that God was their rock, and the high God their redeemer.

36 Nevertheless **they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues.**

37 **For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant.**

38 But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.

39 For he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.

40 How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert!

41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

Psalm 78:

56 Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies:

57 But turned back, and **dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like a deceitful bow.**

58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.

59 **When God heard this, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:**

60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent which he placed among men;

61 And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand.

62 He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not given to marriage.

64 Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.

Proverbs 11:9

An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

Isaiah 1:

10 Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

11 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.

12 **When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?**

13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, **when ye make many prayers, I will not hear**: your hands are full of blood.

Isaiah 9:

16 For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed.

17 Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows: **for every one is an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh folly**. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

18 For wickedness burneth as the fire: it shall devour the briars and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up like the lifting up of smoke.

19 Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts is the land darkened, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire: no man shall spare his brother.

Isaiah 10:

5 O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.

6 I will send him against **an hypocritical nation**, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

Isaiah 32:

1 Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.

2 And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

3 And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken.

4 The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.

5 The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful.

6 For the vile person will speak villany, and **his heart will work iniquity, to practise hypocrisy, and to utter error against the LORD**, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.

7 The instruments also of the churl are evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right.

8 But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand.

Isaiah 48:1

Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, **but not in truth, nor in righteousness**.

Isaiah 66:

1 Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?

2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, **even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.**

3 He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations.

4 I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and **chose that in which I delighted not.**

Jeremiah 3:

8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks.

10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah **hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly,** saith the LORD.

11 And the LORD said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah.

Jeremiah 5:

1 Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.

2 **And though they say,** The LORD liveth; **surely they swear falsely.**

3 O LORD, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.

4 Therefore I said, Surely these are poor; they are foolish: for they know not the way of the LORD, nor the judgment of their God.

5 I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the LORD, and the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke, and burst the bonds.

6 Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, and a wolf of the evenings shall spoil them, a leopard shall watch over their cities: every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, and their backslidings are increased.

Jeremiah 6:

19 Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, **even the fruit of their thoughts,** because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.

20 To what purpose cometh there to me incense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? **your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me.**

21 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will lay stumblingblocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them; the neighbour and his friend shall perish.

22 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, a people cometh from the north country, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth.

23 They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, set in array as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion.

Jeremiah 12:

1 Righteous art thou, O LORD, when I plead with thee: yet let me talk with thee of thy judgments: Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? wherefore are all they happy that deal very treacherously?

2 Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root: they grow, yea, they bring forth fruit: **thou art near in their mouth, and far from their reins.**

3 But thou, O LORD, knowest me: thou hast seen me, and tried mine heart toward thee: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter.

Jeremiah 42:

18 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As mine anger and my fury hath been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so shall my fury be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt: and ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and ye shall see this place no more.

19 The LORD hath said concerning you, O ye remnant of Judah; Go ye not into Egypt: know certainly that I have admonished you this day.

20 **For ye dissembled in your hearts, when ye sent me unto the LORD your God, saying,** Pray for us unto the LORD our God; and according unto all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do it.

21 And now I have this day declared it to you; but ye have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God, nor any thing for the which he hath sent me unto you.

22 Now therefore know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire to go and to sojourn.

Ezekiel 14:

1 Then came certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and **sat before me.**

2 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

3 Son of man, **these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face:** should I be enquired of at all by them?

4 Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; **I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols;**

5 **That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart,** because they are all estranged from me through their idols.

6 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

7 For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from me, **and setteth up his idols in his heart**, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to enquire of him concerning me; **I the LORD will answer him by myself**;

8 And I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

9 And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the LORD have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.

10 And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity: the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that seeketh unto him;

11 That the house of Israel may go no more astray from me, neither be polluted any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 20:39

As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord GOD; Go ye, serve ye every one his idols, and hereafter also, if ye will not hearken unto me: **but pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts**, and with your idols.

Ezekiel 33:

30 Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD.

31 And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: **for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness**.

32 And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.

33 And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

Hosea 4:

12 My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.

13 They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof is good: therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery.

14 I will not punish your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your spouses when they commit adultery: for themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots: therefore the people that doth not understand shall fall.

15 Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, yet let not Judah offend; and come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Bethaven, **nor swear, The LORD liveth**.

16 For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer: now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place.

17 Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone.

18 Their drink is sour: they have committed whoredom continually: her rulers with shame do love, Give ye.

19 The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

Hosea 6:

4 O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away.

5 Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth.

6 For **I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.**

7 But they like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me.

Hosea 8:

1 Set the trumpet to thy mouth. He shall come as an eagle against the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law.

2 **Israel shall cry unto me,** My God, we know thee.

3 Israel hath cast off the thing that is good: the enemy shall pursue him.

4 They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off.

Hosea 10:

1 Israel is an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself: according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images.

2 **Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty:** he shall break down their altars, he shall spoil their images.

3 For now they shall say, We have no king, because we feared not the LORD; what then should a king do to us?

4 **They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant:** thus judgment springeth up as hemlock in the furrows of the field.

5 The inhabitants of Samaria shall fear because of the calves of Bethaven: for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and the priests thereof that rejoiced on it, for the glory thereof, because it is departed from it.

6 It shall be also carried unto Assyria for a present to king Jareb: Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel.

7 As for Samaria, her king is cut off as the foam upon the water.

Hosea 11:12

Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the saints.

Amos 5:

21 I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.

22 Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts.

23 **Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.**

24 But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

Micah 3:

8 But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity.

10 They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.

11 The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: **yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us.**

12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

Zephaniah 1:

1 The word of the LORD which came unto Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.

2 I will utterly consume all things from off the land, saith the LORD.

3 I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumblingblocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the LORD.

4 I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of the Chemarims with the priests;

5 And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and **them that worship and that swear by the LORD**, and that swear by Malcham;

6 And them that are turned back from the LORD; and those that have not sought the LORD, nor enquired for him.

Malachi 1:

6 A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, **where is mine honour?** and if I be a master, **where is my fear?** saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible.

8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? **offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person?** saith the LORD of hosts.

9 And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: will he regard your persons? saith the LORD of hosts.

10 **Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought.** I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible.

13 Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD.

14 But **cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing:** for I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.

Matthew 6:

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your treasure is, **there will your heart be also.**

22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

24 **No man can serve two masters:** for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. **Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**

Matthew 6:

2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, **as the hypocrites do** in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be **as the hypocrites are:** for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, **as the hypocrites,** of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Matthew 7:

21 **Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord,** shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 **Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord,** have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Matthew 21:

28 But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard.

29 He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.

30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And **he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.**

31 Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.

32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

Matthew 23:23

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have **omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith:** these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Luke 6:46

And **why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?**

Romans 16:

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and **by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.**

II Timothy 3:

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, **lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;**

5 **Having a form of godliness,** but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Titus 1:16

They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Hebrews 3:12

Take heed, brethren, **lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief,** in departing from the living God.

James 2:

14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man **say he hath faith,** and have not works? can faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16 And one of you **say unto them,** Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

I Peter 2:

- 1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, **and hypocrisies**, and envies, and all evil speakings,
- 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
- 3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

II Peter 2:

- 1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.
- 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.
- 3 And through covetousness shall **they with feigned words make merchandise of you**: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

II Peter 2:

- 17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.
- 18 For when **they speak great swelling words of vanity**, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.
- 19 While **they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption**: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

I John 1:6

If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

I John 2:4

He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

I John 4:16

If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

I John 4:20

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

Jude 1:4

For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, **turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness**, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 3:

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 **So then because thou art lukewarm,** and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Psalm 17:1

Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of **feigned lips.**

Psalm 145:18

The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to **all that call upon him in truth.**

Psalm 86:11

Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: **unite my heart to fear thy name.**

Acts 2:

46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and **singleness of heart,**

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

James 4:

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and **purify your hearts, ye double minded.**

9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

For Further Study:

1. The sermon outline, "Cut It Down!" ... <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/sermons/pdf/cut-it-down.pdf>.
2. The sermon outline, "What God Calls Fruit," ... <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/sermons/pdf/what-god-calls-fruit.pdf>.
3. The sermon, "Actions Speak Louder," ... <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/sermons/pdf/actions-speak-louder.pdf>.
4. The sermon outline, "Parable of the Sower," ... <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/sermons/pdf/parable-of-the-sower.pdf>.
5. The sermon outline, "Doers of the Word," ... <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/sermons/pdf/doers-of-the-word.pdf>.
6. The sermon outline, "Spiritual Adultery," ... <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/sermons/pdf/spiritual-adultery.pdf>.
7. The sermon outline, "Reviving First Love," ... <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/sermons/pdf/reviving-first-love.pdf>.
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9. The sermon outline, "God Hates Compromise," ... <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/sermons/pdf/compromise.pdf>.
10. The sermon outline, "The Bible Cannot Profit," ... <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/sermons/pdf/bible-cannot-profit.pdf>.
11. The sermon outline, "Perfecting Holiness," ... <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/sermons/pdf/perfecting-holiness.pdf>.
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15. The sermon, "What Is a Christian?" ... <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/sermons/pdf/what-is-a-christian.pdf>.
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