

Pharisees of Today

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Reading the bible we see in the gospels that Jesus had a lot of opposition to his word and ministry. Just as people sleeping don't want the light turned on, those in sin don't want the light of God's Word to wake them. What is surprising is that those who opposed Jesus were religious leaders who proudly claimed to be servants of God. It was the Pharisees that were the chief opponents of the Lord. They thought themselves to be closer to God than anybody else. They didn't hesitate to look down on anybody who was not one of them, or disagreed with them. The Pharisees had no trouble getting rid of those who were undesirable. Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: (John 12:42). They would even resort to hiring people to lie and to have a person killed, as they did with Jesus.

The descendants of the Pharisees are carrying on their work even to this day. If you are not just like them, almost a carbon copy, they consider you as an unsaved heathen. Naturally to do this they consider that they, and they alone, are close to God and that no one

else is even saved. How dangerous is such an attitude for it is made up of pride and arrogance. Can anyone of us, you or I, claim to have a complete knowledge and understanding of God's Word and his Will that we never err and are always perfect in his sight?

I have mentioned before of one older preacher who told me once that when I had been preaching as long as him I would be able to look at the congregation and tell who was saved and who was not. He couldn't although he thought he could do such a thing. Some have him beat though, all they have to do is to find out where you go to church and they think that you are not saved. Really? I thought that God was the only one who could see the heart and know who was saved.

I was told years ago that I shouldn't worship with those who went to this or that church. They said that it wasn't right to be with those "kind" of people. I told them that I preached what the bible said and that anyone was welcome to come and hear God's Word. Furthermore I would go and preach where I was invited, as I would preach what the bible said and not preach to please people. Separating ourselves from other people would be like the Pharisees who condemned Jesus for eating with the publicans and sinners.

I often think of the Pharisee in Luke 18 and his attitude, both about himself and about the publican. He couldn't see anything

wrong in his life and he couldn't see any good in the publican's life. What he either forgot, or didn't know, was that God could see what was in the life of both men. Jesus said that the publican went to his house justified rather than the Pharisee. We are told in God's word that the Lord is the judge and not man. Still man often will judge those who he doesn't care for. If someone says, "I don't mean to judge, but..." look out for that person is going to pass judgment on someone.

We all have things that we don't understand as well as things that we believe to be wrong. There is a need for us to pray for others, as well as for ourselves, that we all may be forgiven for our sins and led in the way that the Lord will have us to live. If we think that we have knowledge and understanding that no one else has we would be fooling ourselves. Jesus is the Lord, the judge, the shepherd of his flock, all of the believers are to be followers, not judges.

There is something in man that causes him to compare himself with others. All areas of life seem to be included in this comparison. A lot of people like to think that they are better in some, or all, of those areas than someone else. This type of attitude is in conflict with God's Word. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves (Philippians 2:3.)

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IT IS ELIEZER! RETURNED AT LAST WITH MY BRIDE!

AND REBEKAH APPROACHES ISAAC, HER FACE COVERED WITH A VEIL, AS IS THE PROPER CUSTOM OF THE DAY...

HAPPINESS FILLS ELIEZER, FOR HE SUCCESSFULLY HAS ACCOMPLISHED THE MISSION WITH WHICH HE WAS CHARGED.

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