



- v. 1a – Imagine how the disciples were feeling as enormous crowds were trampling each other in order to see their traveling band.
- v. 1b – Jesus seems to sense elements of the Pharisees’ hypocrisy in His disciples.

-- _____ is a hopeless trap (v. 2-3).

- Hypocrisy begins small and consumes all.
 - Like yeast in bread, just a little bit of hypocrisy permeates one’s life slowly, insidiously, and entirely.
 - By it, the Pharisees became obsessed with their outward appearance while they rotted to death from inside.
- Hypocrisy relies on _____ that it cannot keep (v. 2).
 - Recall v. 11:53 – The Pharisees foolishly assumed that their plot against Jesus was a secret.
 - The fact that God knows our secrets is a constant theme in Scripture (Psalm 44:20-21, Psalm 139:1-4, Hebrews 4:13).

-- **Every believer’s life will be _____ 3.) In this judgment, our every _____ will be divulged.**

- Notice: Luke goes out of his way in v. 1 to emphasize that Jesus is speaking to His own disciples, not to the whole crowd.
- At the appointed time, God will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts (1 Cor. 4:5).
- In the end, it won’t matter what we have claimed to want. Our true desires will be laid bare.

4.) This judgment exists for God’s _____.

- In it, we will stand in reverent awe as we experience the full measure of God’s unblemished holiness.

-- In it, we will rejoice to discover how awesome is the mercy that He has shown us in Christ.

5.) This judgment should inspire real _____ (2 Pet. 3:11-12).

- Our desires ought to be radically affected by the truth that God is behind us, above us, alongside us, and within us.
- Verses 1-3 serve as a transition from Jesus' condemnation of the Pharisees to His preaching about living a godly life in chapter 12.
- The more we sincerely want Christ and His kingdom, the less we will struggle with private sin, for it is impossible to sin when _____ is what we want most, whether we are in a crowd or all alone.

Application

-- Perhaps no truth of Scripture ignored by Christians more than this.

- *Would we do what we do in secret if we really believed that every secret action will be revealed in the presence of our perfectly holy God?*
- *Would we make the same choices we freely make in secret if we truly understood what Jesus is saying here?*
- *Would we allow our private thoughts go unchecked if we sincerely took Jesus at His Word?*
- *Would we still pursue what we want in secret if we actually believed that every desire will one day be divulged?*
- *Are we just as determined to be holy when no one is watching?*

-- This text prescribes a perfect _____.

- *What could possibly be more desirable than a God who knows our every motive and yet loves us with perfect love?*
- *What could possibly be more satisfying than a Savior who sacrificed Himself for us in spite of our secret sins? (Romans 5:8)*
- *Shouldn't we live every bit of our lives to please Him who gave every bit of Himself to save us?*

_____ by God (v. 2-3).

-- 2 Corinthians 5:10, Hebrews 10:30, Romans 14:10

1.) In this judgment, _____ is not at stake.

- We are saved by faith in Christ, and by Him alone.
- As far as salvation is concerned, the believer's deeds are irrelevant; only what Christ has done will matter.

-- True believers will suffer no condemnation on the Day of Judgment (Romans 8:1, Romans 5:9).

2.) In this judgment, God will _____ His people.

-- Godliness that no one sees will eventually be rewarded (Matthew 6:4, 6:6, 6:18).

-- God will reward those who do His will in the church (1 Cor. 3:12-15).