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* The Pharisees and Scribes
AKA the Religious Hyper-
Hypocrites and Traditionalists
(*Luke 11:37-54*)

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37 While Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee asked him to dine with him, so he went in and reclined at table.

38 The Pharisee was astonished to see that he did not first wash before dinner.

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39 And the Lord said to him,
“Now you Pharisees cleanse the
outside of the cup and of the
dish, but inside you are full
of greed and wickedness.

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**40 You fools! Did not he
who made the outside
make the inside also?**

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⁴¹ But give as alms those things that are within, and behold, everything is clean for you.

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**42 “But woe to you Pharisees!
For you tithe mint and rue and
every herb, and neglect justice
and the love of God. These you
ought to have done, without
neglecting the others.**

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43 Woe to you Pharisees!

**For you love the best seat in
the synagogues and greetings
in the marketplaces.**

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44 Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without knowing it.”

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45 One of the lawyers answered him, “Teacher, in saying these things you insult us also.”

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46 And he said, “Woe to you lawyers also! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers.

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47 Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your fathers killed.

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48 So you are witnesses and you consent to the deeds of your fathers, for they killed them, and you build their tombs.

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49 Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,'

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⁵⁰ so that the blood of all the prophets, shed from the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation,

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5¹ from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be required of this generation.

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52 Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering.”

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53 As he went away from there,
the scribes and the Pharisees
began to press him hard and to
provoke him to speak about
many things,

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54 lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

