



The Heart of True Religion (2)

Luke 11:45-54

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- Introduction – Jesus now turns to the Scribes who with the Pharisees were described by Jesus in Mt 15:8,9 (Is 29:13)
- Proud Hypocrites – v45, Actors whose words and deeds did not reflect their hearts.

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1. Putting upon v46 – Rules, rituals, ceremonies and a work-based righteousness, Mt 23:4, Acts 15:10.

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2. Pretending, v47-51.

Revering the prophets of old killed by their forefathers yet planning to get rid of the Greatest Prophet of All. Gen4:8, 2 Chron 24:20.

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3. Preventing, v52.

Their profession was to show the way to the Kingdom, but sought to bar entry and did not go in themselves, Mt 23:13.

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- Plotting and Persecuting, v53-54. The following months would see the Pharisees and Scribes build up a case to bring Jesus down.