

Take Heed and Beware

Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. -Matthew 16:6

Introduction

1. In the above words, Jesus warned about the doctrines of these two groups (v. 12).
2. These Pharisees and Sadducees are gone, but their doctrines live on.

I. The Doctrine of the Pharisees

- A. They put Form over Faithfulness.
 1. Appearance was everything to them (Matthew 6:1-5).
 - a. They called attention to their form.
 - b. Sadly only a shallow reward is paid for such actions.
 2. Lip service is not faithful service (Matthew 15:8).
- B. They put Ritual over Righteousness.
 1. They were masters at going through the motions (Matthew 23:23).
 2. Consider the “prayer” of the Pharisee (Luke 18:11ff).
- C. They chose Meanness over Mercy.
 1. Where was the love in their ways?
 - a. Their name is now synonymous with a lack of love (Matthew 5:46, 47).
 - b. They mistreated their own families (Mark 7:10-13).
 2. Jesus likened them to vipers (Matthew 23:23).
- D. They chose Legalism over Love.
 1. Where was the love in their worship?
 2. Read Matthew 22:37-40. Does this represent the Pharisee mindset?
- E. The exalted Opinion over Oracles.
 1. 1 Peter 4:11
 2. Matthew 15:9

II. The Doctrine of the Sadducees

- A. They were Secular instead of Spiritual.
- B. They chose Annihilation over the Resurrection.
 1. Matthew 22:23 states their sad belief.
 2. There is no comfort in those words (1 Thessalonians 4:18).
- C. They preferred the Here and now over the Hereafter (Acts 23:8).

Word Find Review

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Pharisee

Radical

Form

Ritual

Legalism

Vipers

Opinion

Matthew

Sadducee

Resurrection

Annihilation

Grave

Hope

Heaven

Hereafter

Love

Grace

Mercy

Secular

Doctrine