

Capitalism, Justice and The Love of God!

*KJV Luke 11:42 But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs and pass over **justice and the love of God**: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.*

In this passage, **Jesus** is speaking directly to the **Pharisees!**

The **Scribes, Sadducees, Pharisees and Essenes** were the four main religious, political and social groups of the time, each being Hebrews, but having different beliefs.

The Scribes drafted the legal documents for marriage, divorce, contracts etc. and were the only ones who could copy the Torah.

The **Sadducees** believed **only** in The Written Law (Torah, the first five books), they refused to accept any precept as binding unless it was written in The Torah.

The **Pharisees** on the other hand believed The Law God gave Moses consisted of both The Torah and the Oral Traditions; which include teachings by the prophets and rabbis.

The **Pharisees** believed in the evolution of The Law, that men must use reasoning to interpret The Law as times changed.

The **Essenes** were the smallest group and like the Pharisees, meticulously observed the Law of Moses, the sabbath, and ritual purity. But, unlike the Pharisees, the Essenes denied the resurrection of the body and refused to immerse themselves in public life.

The **Pharisees** being the largest group were obviously had the most power and influence on the religious and political lives of the people.

[This is why Jesus often addressed them in strong and direct terms!](#)

Jesus often used the word “**Woe**” when addressing them!

Woe represents “**displeasure and judgment**” to those it’s given!

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Jesus is warning political and religious leaders of the time:

Mint, anise & cumin are spices in the form of powder, they weigh out tithe down to the smallest degree but ignore justice and love!

- They made sure they **tithed** because they didn't want to be cursed!
- They overemphasized **tithing** because they wanted to benefit from businesses that prospered!
- They made sure they **tithed** because they wanted increase in their personal lives.

In other words, **“they gave to get,”** they weren't concerned about **being a blessing** to others!

It is more blessed to give than to receive. (Acts 20:35b)

KJV Luke 6:35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again...

*Luke 14:13 But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,
14 and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."*

The **Pharisees** wanted their **pay back now** on earth in this life!

- ❖ **They had reduced “Faith in God” down to a Business (capitalistic) Transaction!**

In **capitalism** money and profit drives the economy and influences the government!

This idea has infected the church in America and many church goers operate in the **one** “Kingdom Principle” that benefits them the most!

All most people want is to be blessed, they care little about justice & The Love God has for all people! **Get all you can and can all you get!**

They ignored **“justice and love”!** Which Jesus said in Matthew are the **weightier (more important) matters** of The Law.

Mat 23:23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others."

Why are so many preachers and denominations are silent when it comes to **justice and love**.

- When asked about **separating families** at the border, they're silent!

- When asked about **violence against** Black men, they're silent!

But most of them can teach on giving, being happy and wealthy!

Jesus says we **ought to tithe**, we should give money to the church, but tithing is minor compared to **justice and love!**

- **Justice is the ability to separate right from wrong and to dispense fairness, equity and righteousness to all regardless!**

Capitalism came to America with **The Pilgrims** who **Colonialized The Gospel!**

They preached a message that benefitted the (**Colonizers**) wealthy plantation owner at the expense of slaves.

White Presbyterian Reverend **Charles Colcock Jones** in his infamous 1832 sermon to plantation owners "**The Religious Instruction of The Negro**" said:

"The success of the gospel is identified with the morals and temporal prosperity of the (white) community."

They placed profit over people and money over justice!

The Word of God was **altered** by the **Pharisees of The New World** to promote their profit and their privilege over love and justice for the black man in America.

This I declare to you is the origin of the prosperity gospel in America!

I believe we have come to the end of an Era, the end of a dispensation!

The Church in America was contaminated with a private interpretation of The Gospel that benefitted the New World.

Serving God was working hard to make your masters prosperous and in return you were blessed with more strength to work harder.

This is the engine (**capitalism**) that runs the American economy and supports our way of life!

Giving to get something in return is called a BRIBE, not a gift!

ESV Deuteronomy 16:19 You shall not pervert justice. You shall not show partiality, and you shall not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of the righteous.

Proverbs 17:23 *A wicked person secretly accepts a bribe to corrupt the ways of justice.*

This nation is contaminated with **bribery**, no wonder **justice** is almost impossible to come by in our courts.

- Where is **justice** for **black people** who've been in this Christian Nation for 400 years?
- Where is justice for the **first nations** people of America?
- Where is the justice for the **poor & underserved** in America?

Dr. Martin Luther King said “*Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere!*”

Dr. Cornell West said, “*Justice is what love looks like in public!*”

Proverbs 21:3 *To do what is right and true is more pleasing to the Lord than an offering. (The Bible in Basic English)*