



Series Title: "An Introduction to Hope: The Gospel of Luke"  
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**Reference:** Luke 11:45-54 ESV<sup>1</sup>

<sup>45</sup>One of the lawyers answered him, "Teacher, in saying these things you insult us also." <sup>46</sup>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. <sup>47</sup>Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your fathers killed. <sup>48</sup>So you are witnesses and you consent to the deeds of your fathers, for they killed them, and you build their tombs. <sup>49</sup>Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,' <sup>50</sup>so that the blood of all the prophets, shed from the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation, <sup>51</sup>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. <sup>52</sup>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."

<sup>53</sup>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, <sup>54</sup>lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

**My Notes:**

**Summary:**

What is true religion?  
 Why is performance-based religion so dangerous?  
 How is your heart dealing with hypocrisy?  
 Why is the Gospel of Jesus so important?

Jesus speaks to those who are "experts in the law."  
 He lists three charges against them:

1. They crush people with demands while not lifting a finger to help.
2. They build religious monuments with murderous intent.
3. They remove the "key of knowledge" from people.

Jesus addresses two traps into which we can fall:  
 legalism and hypocrisy.

- Avoid legalism: God wants to search our hearts and rescue us from our performance-based religion.
- Avoid hypocrisy: secrecy prolongs slavery; talk about your feelings to experience healing.

To do this we need to grow in grace:

1. The Holy Spirit will reveal the wickedness in your heart.
2. Admit that your heart is sick.
3. Allow God to do surgery on your heart.
4. Guard your healing heart.
5. Grow in love.

<sup>1</sup> The Holy Bible: English Standard Version. (2016). (Luke 11:45-54). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles

