



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 16:14-18 (NAS)

Topic: "The Lord's Teaching on Authority"

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- 14 Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things and were scoffing at Him.
- 15 And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God.
- 16 "The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John; since that time the gospel of the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it.
- 17 "But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter of the Law to fail.
- 18 "Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery.

I. THE BATTLE OVER AUTHORITY

- A. It Begins Early
- B. It Is Prevalent In Our Society
- C. The Pharisees Exemplified It *Luke 16:14*

II. THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST

- A. John Came Announcing It *Matthew 3:2*
- B. Jesus Proclaimed It *Mark 1:15*
- C. Jesus Rebuked Misuse Of Authority By The Pharisees *John 9:22*

III. JESUS' TEACHING ON THE LAW

- A. He Declared That It Spoke Of Him *John 5:39, 46-47*
- B. He Declared Its Flawless Permanency
- C. Understanding God's Law For Today
 - 1. Not grace without law
 - 2. Not law without grace
 - 3. But the law leading us to grace *Galatians 3:24; Romans 10:4*

IV. SCOFFING AT CHRIST AND HIS WORD

- A. The Pharisees Were Guilty Of It
- B. Our Society Is Guilty Of It
- C. Are We guilty Of It?