"Unmasking The Hypocrites" John 5:39-47

The Heavens declare that God exists and His creation testifies that God reveals Himself as an organized being, so God makes perfect sense and not only does He make sense, God has a plan in which we are the object of His plan and as such, we owe God a listening ear to find out what He and His plan are all about.

A most fascinating aspect of this premise is that a perfect God would have a plan for imperfect man, so we must remember, God's perfect plan must contend with our flaws, imperfections and state of total depravity.

Thankfully, by His grace, God designed a three-phase plan so we who are far less than perfect could actually

approach Him.

Biblical Christianity as opposed to religion, states that only the work of God through His precious Son, Jesus Christ provides the means of our salvation with the guarantee of an eternal relationship with God.

As the Light of the world, Jesus Christ dispels Satan's darkness by illuminating the plan of God, so Christianity shines a light on God's way of salvation for the entire human race. But unless we understand who God is, who we are and what God does for us, His plan remains an undisclosed mystery.

God has freely given us riches beyond our wildest dreams and only His Word reveals the treasures

of His plan to us.

<u>Processed biblical truth or wisdom is the basis for entering the greater-grace life so the human soul becomes very important as far as we are concerned.</u>

As we've learned so often, the spiritual IQ of the believer is determined by the amount of biblical truth in his

human spirit.

This process only functions when we are filled with the Holy Spirit as the Holy Spirit is bearing witness with our human spirit and that gives us reality in the Christian life and so, all the immaterial, invisible parts of man are understood through processing biblical truth.

That's why the Bible can define for us as well as give us answers to every problem we face in life.

The Bible commands us to love but it is impossible to love or do anything properly without first having the capacity to do so which comes only from biblical truth in our souls.

This means that the Word of God must be transferred God's way through His power by His Spirit from the pages

of the Bible into our souls before it can be of any use to us.

And the Pharisees of Jesus' day along with so many other people today fail miserably but thanks be to God, failure

on the part of others does not close the door for greater-grace blessings being poured out to the prepared spiritually-mature.

Rebellion destroys people as far as having any opportunity of fighting for freedom is concerned.

And so always remember, greater-grace capacity must precede greater-grace blessing. If the Pharisees or anyone else continues to react to Jesus Christ without justification, they will eventually destroy their own souls which will cause them to permanently live in sinnature driven weakness completely without virtue.

This self-justified removal of restraint will result in a permanent status of self-induced misery for all

who choose this approach.

All their priorities regarding what they think makes them happy or entertains them will only serve to enslave them as they become more and more self-centered and that's the fatal step in becoming divorced from reality.

The Pharisees have chosen to work themselves into a permanent jam; they're in big trouble and can't get out of it.