

19 – Luke 6:43-49 - What Jesus says about who we listen to.

How is the word of God changing you?

Context matters again

Luke 6:11 ... Pharisees and the teachers of the law are furious with Jesus.

... these people claim to follow YHWH, Jesus has exposed the fact they do not.

Who will they choose to listen to?

What does Jesus say?**1) The type of tree matters**

... verse 43 ...bad trees will always bear bad fruit and good trees will always bear only good fruit.

... verse 44.

... people can change from producing 'bad fruit' to producing 'good fruit' simply by changing whose words they listen to and obey

2) The fruit reflects the heart

... verse 45

The fruit a person produces reflects what their heart is like deep down.

3) Determining the type of fruit?

...when Jesus critiqued and expose the pharisees wrong teaching about following God they did not repent and earnestly seek to follow God.

... verse 46

... how do you react to Jesus words when you have grown up with Pharisaic legalistic judgmentalism as your stable religious diet and then you see that Jesus requires us to be people who reflect his abundant mercy?

4) Changing your fruit and foundations

... he wants them to change the fruit they will bear into the future by NOW listening to and obeying Jesus words.

Question to ask.

Jesus is not saying that by obeying his word you earn yourself a spot in heaven.

For us today**1) Who are we listening to?**

Jesus says to us very clearly stop listening to those who reflect graceless moralistic legalism.

... false teachers who are nothing more than wolves in sheep's clothing

More positively ... we have plenty of opportunities to be taught by Jesus words.

2) How are we obeying?

How are you going with obedience to Jesus words?

What areas are you struggling with?

Two extremes ...

... our obedience is next to perfect

... overwhelmed by your ongoing failings

2 Peter 1:3-11- *“3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But whoever does not have them is short-sighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

10 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

3) Remember the Father

... be people who reflect abundant grace and mercy to those around us... even our enemies

AND at the same time ...do not follow false teachers but who hear and obey Jesus words.