

TURNING THE TABLES, PART 6
WHEN JESUS BURNS THE MEAL

Luke 11:37-54

Jesus saves his most stinging rebukes for the hyper-religious.

Jesus gets STEAMED when we value external ceremonies over internal cleansing. (37-41)

Why? The needs of our own heart get ignored, as do the needs of the disadvantaged.

Jesus gets STEAMED when our religious traditions become more important than God's priorities. (42)

Why? We become spiritually smug while neglecting to show justice and love.

Jesus gets STEAMED when we're driven more by the praise of others than by the praise of God. (43)

Why? God's evaluation of our lives is the only one that matters in the end.

Jesus gets STEAMED when we lead others away from God and nobody seems to realize it. (44)

Why? We alienate people and multiply our spiritual errors instead of correcting them.

Jesus gets STEAMED when we raise people's moral standards but offer no help to meet them. (45-46)

Why? We destroy all hope and possibility that a person could ever please God.

Jesus gets STEAMED when we claim to honor the very people whose message we violate. (47-51)

Why? We demonstrate our hypocrisy and deceive ourselves into thinking that God is on our side.

Jesus gets STEAMED when we obscure the beauty of God's revelation with our own distortions of it. (52)

Why? We are obstacles to others coming to know God personally.

GOOD NEWS

Jesus is "the wisdom of God" who will allow himself to be hunted and trapped by his enemies. (49, 53-54)

Jesus's blood is greater than the blood of all other prophets; it is the blood of God himself (Acts 20:28).