

## How To Find A Pharisee Pt22

### JOHN 8:3-11

3. And the scribes and **Pharisees** brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,
4. They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.
5. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?
6. This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.
7. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.
8. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.
9. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.
10. When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, **where are those thine accusers?** hath no man condemned thee?
11. She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

### PRIDE [55-0807A]

Oh, you Pharisee, nudging somebody else. **Look at your own self once.** Oh, you might not be sexually wrong in your actions; you might not drink liquor; but oh, **you blind Pharisee, what are you doing to my Lord? What do you do to Him, you cold heartedly hypocrite? You turn Him down.** What do you do it for? How can you do it? To see His Presence all around you, to know He's there wanting to bless you and entertain you, but you're too good. Oh you never become wretched. **You ought to look at yourself in God's looking glass one time and see how you look.** Your self-righteous, all your little forms and petty things will fade away, your little traditions.

### THE VOICE OF THE SIGN [64-0321E]

**Look at them Pharisees in the days gone by.** They had just a little bit of light, because they could... had the law, and they lived by the law, but **back down in their heart was black as it could be.**

And there was a little woman, a prostitute, her furl... fore-life up here was as black as it could be, she was ill-famed, but down in her heart she was predestinated to Life.

And then when Jesus, the Word, came on the scene, those Pharisees said, "This Man is Beelzebub." What did it do? **It blackened out what little light they had.**

Jesus said, "You are of your father, the devil, and his works you do."

But when this little, foul woman come, and she seen the Word of God, she knowed It. She didn't live It, but she knowed It. And as soon as It spoke to her, she said, "I perceive You're a Prophet." And He... She said, "I know the Messiah will do this."

And He said, "I am He."

What did it do? **It cleaned out the blackness and made it all white. Why? There was a seed laying there, a predestinated seed that was in the... It was God's thought before the foundation of the world.**

### **LUKE 7:36-39**

36. And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat.

37. And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,

38. And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

39. Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.

### TAKING SIDES WITH JESUS [62-0601]

Anything to blight His Name, anything to ruin the confidence of the people, not knowing that **they were possessed of the Devil to do that. They were working in harmony with the Devil, trying to blacken the Name of the Son of God.**

How did they do this, brethren? Because they never searched the Scriptures. Jesus said, "Search ye the Scriptures. In Them you think you have Eternal Life, and They are They that testify of Me." Oh, what a ministry He had! See? Yes, sir. "If I do not the works of My Father, then don't believe Me." See?

But here this Pharisee said, "We got Him now. Oh, looky here, there's probably fifteen hundred people here at this feast. Now look at Him setting over there. There He sits with a prostitute."

## TAKING SIDES WITH JESUS [62-0601]

So, the people tried, them Pharisees, and Sadducees, and hypocrites, and Herodians, and all tried to cast a shadow on Jesus. But **them true believers that was predestinated to hear that Message, heard It and seen no fault in It at all.**

**Same now.** Those who believe Him, love Him. **Those who believe Him, see no fault in Him.** They don't see any heresy. They don't see anything wrong. **They don't see anything wrong with His Word.** They don't see anything wrong with His people. They just see Jesus. That's all. They, they're--**they're predestinated to Eternal Life, so they just take sides with Jesus and stay there.**

## PRIDE [55-0807A]

**Oh, you blind hypocrite, you're too goody-goody to know what Jesus means.** You're too goody-goody; you've treated Him the same way, that's the reason you're not saved today. That's the reason you haven't the baptism of the Holy Spirit, because it's the way you've treated Him, been ashamed. **Oh, blind Pharisee, there he stood in all of his self-righteousness,** said, "if He was a seer, if He was a prophet He'd surely know what kind of a woman that was."

## PRIDE [55-0807A]

You say, "Brother Branham, I'm no prostitute."

I don't altogether mean sexually. Prostitution's on a higher level. **You can prostitute your time.** How much time do you give to Him? **Prostitute your own selfish motives, going around saying, "Well, I belong to this church, I'm better."**

**No you're not.** You can prostitute otherwise than sexually. The Holy Spirit will speak to your heart, and you'll say, "I want nothing to do with that." **You blind Pharisee, prostitute. What's the matter with you?** Committing adultery with the world, that's what you're doing.

Oh, you say, "I belong to church," and so cold and indifferent. Oh, you say pretty prayers. Oh, **I hate that Pharisaic thing.** Oh, you pray and make every comma just perfect, and every period just perfect. Oh, you pray so beautiful. You can't talk to God like that. You're listening to what you're saying and punctuating your prayer. O God, help you to turn loose once and pray. Stop saying prayers.

Oh, Pharisees, plenty of them, Pharisees. Oh, you say, "I belong to church." That's all right; sure you do. But what attitude do you take towards my Lord? When He wants to come to you and bless you, you won't do it. "Oh, no, I don't believe in that kind of stuff." That's the same group I'm talking about, **very religious, but very Pharisaic.**

What did I say they was in the beginning, actors. **Quit acting religion. Get an old fashion experience of regeneration, borned again.** My Lord, He longs to see you. He's waiting for you, takes the little place in the corner. He never rebukes you for it; He loves you. You go to church once or twice a month, you think you've done your duty. Oh, **if you only loved Him, you'd go every night and every day, somewhere and talk with Him, if you loved Him.** But the trouble of it is, you just act church, act religious. What a pity, it's too bad that we still have it.

#### **LUKE 7:40-50**

40. And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. 41. There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. 42. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? 43. Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, **to whom he forgave most.** And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. 44. And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. 45. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. 46. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. 47. Wherefore I say unto thee, **Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.** 48. And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. 49. And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also? 50. And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

#### THE WORST SINNER IN THE CITY [56-0218E]

I wonder, with our heads bowed just a minute... Organist, would you give us a little note there, please? I wonder tonight if there'd be a person here like that woman? Don't have to be... You might not be a prostitute, but you may be a prostitute on a higher more--level. Prostitution don't mean sexually every time. **You can prostitute your time. You can prostitute your faith,** go out and join some cult, or some old sold--cold formal church; you're a prostitute. You are. **You're just as guilty as she was. But the same Lord Jesus that forgive her, has the same pleading mercy for you tonight.**