

## Lessons in Luke -- Lesson 5 – Jesus and Fear

### Introduction:

In these lessons we are looking at the ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Luke. Simeon prophesied over baby Jesus that He would raise up many weak persons and bring down many proud persons (Luke 2:33-35). We see our next example of this in Luke 12:1-5.

### Read this passage at least five times, then answer the questions as best you can:

<sup>NKJ</sup> **Luke 12:1** In the meantime, when an innumerable multitude of people had gathered together, so that they trampled one another, He began to say to His disciples first *of all*, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. <sup>2</sup> "For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. <sup>3</sup> "Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops. <sup>4</sup> "And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. <sup>5</sup> "But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him! (Luk 12:1-5 NKJ)

List all the people mentioned in this passage:

Leaven is another word for yeast. We put yeast in bread so that it can permeate all the flour and make the bread rise. What is the "yeast" of the Pharisees? What does Jesus mean by this?

In verses 2-3 Jesus talks about things "covered/revealed," "hidden/known," "spoken/proclaimed." What does this have to do with what permeates the lives of the Pharisees?

How does hypocrisy in some people cause other people to fear?

What is the "good" part of being killed? What time-period does this involve?

According to Jesus whom should you truly fear? What time-period does this involve?

What "hidden things" are in your past that you hope no one knows about? You do not need to write them out, but you should think about them. What would Jesus say if you told Him about them?

Who has hidden things in their past?

Who is in greater danger, the hypocrite or the honest sinner? Why?