

SERMON NOTES

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ADVENT READY

Luke 11:53 – 12:12

I. TO BE ADVENT READY—BEWARE THE LEAVEN.

(Luke 12:1b-3) "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. Accordingly, whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in the inner rooms will be proclaimed upon the housetops."

II. TO BE ADVENT READY—FEAR WISELY.

(Luke 12:4-7) "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. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him! Are not five sparrows sold for two cents? Yet not one of them is forgotten before God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows."

III. TO BE ADVENT READY—ALLY WITH JESUS.

(Luke 12:8,9) "And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man will confess him also before the angels of God; but he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God."