

The Women Caught in Adultery

(Jn 8:3-11)

I. **THE MINDSET OF A PHARISEE**

A. **The Double Standard** (Ex 20:14)—*where was the man?*

B. **The Self-righteous Blindness**—

1. **To the Law** (Gal 2:16; Jam 2:10-11)—*it is a whole; one infraction makes you a law-breaker*
2. **To their own Condition** (7; Isa 64:6; Mat 23:25-28; 1 Cor 1:29; Rom 3:23)—*their own sin and need for mercy*
Calling out the sins of other people does not make you righteous!
3. **To the Humanity of Others** (Lk 11:46; Job 31:13-15)—*more concerned with legalities and penalties than with persons*

II. **The Work of the Devil** (Prov 6:5; 1 Pet 5:8; Rev 12:10)—*to entrap and destroy*

A. **To Discredit God** ()—

1. **The Dangerous Dilemma**—*intend to use His virtue against Him*
2. **The False Dilemma** (Rom 3:26)—*on the Cross, both the justice and the mercy of God will be fully satisfied.*

B. **To Ensnare and Destroy Our Souls**—*exploitation of moral weakness*

1. **Pure Malice**
2. **Complete Disregard** (Gen 1:27)

C. **To Shame and Punish the Sinner** (Rev 12:10)—

III. **THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST**

A. **The Righteous Man** (Isa 42:2-3; Mat 1:19; Rom 2:4; Heb 4:14 & 5:2)—justice and kindness

B. **The Ultimate Judge** (9-11; Mat 9:6; Jn 5:22-27)

1. **He is the only one whose judgment will matter.**
2. **We answer to Him as individuals for our own sin.**

C. **The Merciful Savior** (Ezek 18:23; Jn 3:16-17)

1. **Jesus did not come to condemn sinners but to save them.** (Lk 19:10)
2. **It is not your sin that keeps you from Jesus; it is your pride.** (Lk 15:17-20) Honesty is necessary to receive grace. Desperation is a severe mercy.
3. **Don't run from Jesus; run to Him!** He has never turned away a penitent sinner. (Jn 6:37)