

"I Told You So!"

Luke 12:54-56

INTRODUCTION: Oh those four words – "I told you so . . . "

- I. SADLY, THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE GOD IS JUST WAITING TO DECLARE *"I TOLD YOU SO"*
 - A. This is the story in so much of Holy Scripture (Genesis 3; Judges 2:17; Matthew 23:37)
 - B. But this is NOT God's desire! (Ezekiel 33:11)
 - C. This is Not God's desire for Judgement Day
 - D. Consider that In Jesus, God does not say "I told you so," but "I love you so!" (John 3:16)

II. TOO MANY PEOPLE DO NOT BELIEVE GOD LOVES THEM

- A. Sin, Satan, and our Evil world make people question God's intentions toward them
- B. The Pharisees of Jesus' day (and the "Pharisees" of today) keep wanting to point to an "I-told-you-so" God
- C. In our own hearts we sinful people often see God as a judgemental, "I told-you-so" God
- D. God's desire is not to declare "I told you so", but – <u>"I love you so!"</u> (John 3:16 & 17)

CONCLUSION:

"More than all the dollars, lira, francs, marks, yen & pounds in the world!"