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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. The Pharisees of Jesus’ day enjoyed declaring – *I told you so* (Luke 12:54-56)
- B. This is the story in so much of Holy Scripture (Genesis 3; Judges 2:17; Matthew 23:37)
- C. But this is not God’s desire! (Ezekiel 33:11)
- D. This is not God’s desire for Judgement Day
- E. 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 judgmental, “I told-you-so” God
- D. God’s desire is not to declare – “I told you so”, but – **“I love you so!”** (John 3:16 & 17)

CONCLUSION: *“More than all the dollars, lira, francs, marks, yen & pounds in the world!”*