

# Sermon Outline

## “Beware the Error of the Pharisees”

### Matthew 12:14

- I.** The Sabbath controversy provides the breaking point.
- a. Early conflicts with the Pharisees Mt 9:11; 9:34; 12:24*f* (*cf.* 3:7).
  - b. The Sabbath controversy with local Pharisees 12:1-13  
Pharisees were the gate-keepers of faithful Jewish practice.  
“Bring charges” 12:10 (*see* Ex 31:14-15)
  - c. Culminating conflict with the Jewish authorities  
Pharisees from Jerusalem 15:1-3  
Chief priests and scribes 21:15  
Chief priests and elders 21:23*ff*  
Chief priests, scribes and elders 26:3*ff*
- II.** This incident is the very center of Matthew’s narrative.
- Focuses the conflict between fallen man and immanent God.  
*See* John 5:17-18
- The quest for and determination to keep power (inclusion of “elders”).  
*Cf.* Mark’s inclusion of the Herodians in this plot (3:6);  
*See* Mt 22:16.
- III.** The clear and present danger of the Pharisaic error:
- In marriage – Eph 5:21*ff*
  - In the church – Titus 1:7-11 (*cf.* Heb 13:17)
  - In the marketplace – Col 4:1; Eph 6:5-9
  - In rulers – Heb 13:1-6
- We are called to emulate Jesus in his humility. Phil 2:5-8