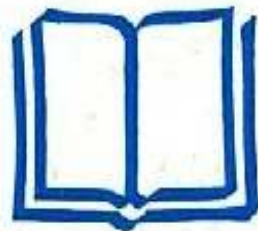


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Lesson Nine:

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Luke 12:10:

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- Speaking to His disciples warning them of the Pharisees (v 1)
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Despite all they were witnessing, these scribes and Pharisees were showing contempt for God and sacred things: Not just a spoken curse, but total rejection of something so evident that the Holy Spirit was performing during that era through Jesus - Too far gone to repent!

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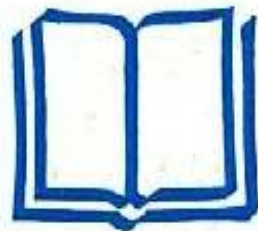
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