

Preaching for
August 13, 2023

AM

"The Empty House"

Text: Matthew 12:38-47

The parable of the empty house warns of the devastating consequences of a partial, incomplete faith.

Context: 12:1-37 - conflict with the religious establishment over Sabbath issues.

12:38 - the demand for a sign

Big Idea: Our Lord, lovingly, graciously makes it clear that biblical faith forsakes sin and embraces righteousness.

I. The mere rejection of evil proves to be not only ineffective but deadly. (12:43-47)

II. Biblical faith embraces righteousness and welcomes the presence of Christ and the Holy Spirit to make themselves at home.