

What Sort of Ending Is This? A Tension Filled Finale
The Dangerous Sin of Hypocrisy:
The Tension of Self-Deceit
Isaiah 66:3-6

- I. The Self-Deceived (3)
 - A. The danger of religious ritual
 - B. The danger of religious libertarianism
 - C. The danger of making your own meaning
- II. God's Swift Response (4-6)
 - A. The sureness and aggression of the punishment
 - B. Why? They would not listen to God's voice and turn from their own way
 - C. Just and justifier (5)
 - D. A finality to the judgment
- III. Why Hypocrisy Is So Toxic
 - A. What is it? Play-acting; wearing of the mask
 - B. What it is not – an active struggle with personal sin
 - C. Creation-fall-redemption motif
 - 1. We are made in God's image
 - 2. The image has been marred by the Fall
 - 3. God restores that image by grace through faith
 - 4. Hypocrisy intentionally covers up that new image and replaces it with another (OR) falsely attempts to put on the redeemed image where none exists