

Appendix: Matthew 23:1-39

23 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; ³therefore, whatever they tell you, do *those things* and observe *them*. But do not follow *their example*, for they *teach*, but do not *practice what they teach*. ⁴Indeed, they tie up heavy burdens that are painful to carry and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with their finger. ⁵They do all their works for the purpose of being noticed by men. They make their phylacteries big and the tassels of their prayer shawls long. ⁶*They love to occupy* the highest place of honor at banquets and the most prominent seats in the synagogues. ⁷*They love to receive* respectful greetings in the marketplaces and have men address them as Rabbi. ⁸But do not let yourselves be called Rabbi; for *there is only one who* is your teacher, and you are all brothers. ⁹And do not address anyone on earth as your father; for *there is only one who* is your Father—he who is in heaven. ¹⁰Neither allow yourselves to be called masters; for *there is only one who* is your master—the Christ. ¹¹On the contrary, the one who is greatest among you shall be your servant. ¹²Whoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled; but whoever shall humble himself shall be exalted.

¹³But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You shut *the door to* the kingdom of heaven in men's faces; you do not enter in yourselves, neither do you allow those to enter who are trying to enter. ¹⁴*Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You devour widows' houses, even while for the sake of appearance you are offering long prayers; therefore you shall receive the greater condemnation.*

¹⁵Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You travel over sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he has become one, you make him two times more a son of hell than yourselves.

¹⁶Woe to you, you blind guides who say, If anyone swears *an oath* by the temple, it means nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath. ¹⁷You blind fools; which is greater, the gold, or the temple that makes the gold sacred? ¹⁸And *you say*, If anyone shall swear *an oath* by the altar, it means nothing; but whoever shall swear by the gift that is upon it, he is bound by his oath. ¹⁹You blind men; which is greater, the gift, or the altar that makes the gift sacred?

²⁰Therefore, whoever shall swear by the altar, swears by it, and by everything that is on it. ²¹And whoever swears by the temple, swears by it, and by him who dwells in it. ²²And whoever swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God, and by him who sits upon it.

²³Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You tithe mint and dill and cummin, but you have neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice, and mercy, and integrity. You should have done these things, and not have neglected the other things. ²⁴You blind guides who strain out the gnat, but swallow the camel!

²⁵Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You wash the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. ²⁶You blind Pharisee, first wash the inside of the cup and of the dish, and then the outside will be clean also.

²⁷Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs that outwardly appear beautiful, but inwardly *they* are full of dead men's bones and all kinds of filthiness. ²⁸In the same way, you also outwardly appear righteous before men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

²⁹Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You build the tombs of the prophets, and decorate the graves of the righteous, ³⁰and say, If we had lived in the days of our forefathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets. ³¹Therefore you testify against yourselves, *admitting* that you are sons of those men who murdered the prophets. ³²Fill up, then, the measure *of the sin* of your fathers. ³³You serpents, you brood of vipers, how shall you escape the judgment of hell?

³⁴Therefore, I am sending prophets to you, and wise men, and scribes. Some of them you shall kill and crucify; and some of them you shall scourge in your synagogues, and pursue from city to city; ³⁵so that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of Abel, that righteous *man*, to the blood of Zachariah, the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. ³⁶I tell you the truth, All these things shall come upon this generation.

³⁷O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets—and *she* stones those who are sent to her! How often have I desired to gather your children together, like a hen gathers her chicks

under her wings, but you were not willing! ³⁸Look, your house is left to you deserted; ³⁹for I say to you, You shall not see me again, until you shall say, Blessed *is* he who comes in the name of the Lord.