

THE CONDEMNATION OF RELIGIOUS HYPOCRISY

Matthew 23:1-39

PART TWO – THE WOE-FUL CONDEMNATION - Matthew 23:13-36

Introduction: In this section of Matthew 23. that we started looking at two weeks ago. we saw that Jesus is charging Israel's religious leaders with hypocrisy. Since then I have come across several quotes dealing with hypocrisy * that are worth repeating:

- ▶ *Christianity is the best armor a person can have, but the worst cloak.*
- ▶ *The religion of Christ is either the chief concern of the soul, or it is a fraud and a mockery.*
- ▶ *The hypocrite steals the uniform of the court of Heaven to serve the devil in.*
- ▶ *A person's character is like a fence: all the whitewash in the world won't strengthen it.*
- ▶ *God would as soon see people in their nakedness and being what they actually are, as trying to cloak their hypocrisy. Be what you are.*

With that last quote I restate what I wrote two weeks ago - "Whatever you and I are in our Christian journey. let us resolve never to wear the mask of hypocrisy....Let us always remember that we represent our great God and Savior. Jesus Christ – at home, at work, at play, and at church.

A. JESUS' WOE CONCERNING SEEKER OBSTRUCTION – 23:13

B. JESUS' WOE CONCERNING DAMNABLE _____ – 23:14

C. JESUS' WOE CONCERNING ZEALOUS _____ – 23:15

D. JESUS' WOE CONCERNING DEVALUING _____ - 23:16-22

E. JESUS' WOE CONCERNING PIOUS _____ - 23:23-24

F. JESUS' WOE CONCERNING HYPOCRITICAL _____ - 23:25-26

G. JESUS' WOE CONCERNING HYPOCRITICAL _____ - 23:27-28

H. JESUS' WOE CONCERNING HYPOCRITICAL _____ - 23:29-36

CONCLUSION: