

THE CONDEMNATION OF RELIGIOUS HYPOCRISY

Matthew 23:1-39

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

(Continued from Sunday, April 8th, 2018)

Introduction: The key thought of the section we have been studying in this section of the temple Discourse is centered in hypocrisy. “Originally the word hypocrite referred to one who answers, being derived from the word to answer. It came to be associated with the dialogue of the stage, and the noun came to be used of an actor, that is, one who is involved in dialogue on the stage, or one who played a part. It is easy to see how the meaning of pretender, or dissembler, or hypocrite developed. Since actors often used masks, the word came to suggest one who wore a mask to hide his true feelings and thoughts, while putting on an outward show. Thus, to play the hypocrite is to mask one’s true thoughts and play the part of someone else. In the case of the Pharisees they played the part of men meticulously observing the rules and regulations of the Law of Moses, but inwardly their hearts were full of pride, envy, arrogance, and even murder. It is no wonder that the rolling thunder of Christ’s wrath boomed over them.”

S LEWIS JOHNSON in *Believer’s Bible Bulletin* – August 7, 1977

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

B. JESUS’ WOE CONCERNING DAMNABLE EXTORTION – 23:14

C. JESUS’ WOE CONCERNING ZEALOUS SECTARIANISM – 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: