

THE CONDEMNATION OF RELIGIOUS HYPOCRISY

Matthew 23:1-39

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

(Continued from Sunday, May 6, 2018)

Introduction: The key thought of the section we have been studying is centered in our Lord's scathing rebuke aimed at Israel's leaders for their blatant religious hypocrisy. Today we will see how Jesus reinforces what the LORD said to Samuel when he was commissioned to anoint the next king of Israel – "The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7). Religion and religious legalism concerns itself with externals – ceremonies – tradition- and ritualism. God looks at the heart - "for out of it spring the issues of life." (Proverbs 4:23). Who are we trying to impress anyway?

- 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 OATHS – 23:16-22
- E. JESUS' WOE CONCERNING PIOUS TITHING – 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: