



# Profile of a Pseudo-Servant

Matthew 23:1-12

# The Climax of Criticism

- The “seat of Moses”
  - Reality or Irony (vv. 2-3)
- A Fatal Trinity
  - Unconcerned burden-makers
  - Public piety professionals









# The Climax of Criticism

- Vain honor-cravers
- But *You*
  - A body with one Head
    - “all brothers” | position and authority vs. equality and importance
  - Servants and greatness
  - Exaltation and humility



# The Pharisee in Us All

- One sobering reality
  - It is possible to *truly* believe we are doing the work of the Lord and pursuing godliness when in fact, we are not. (Matt. 7:21-23)
- Vetting ourselves for Pharisaism
  - Do we practice what we preach? (v.3)
  - Is the approval of God enough? (v. 5-7)
  - Are we deceptively self-serving? (v. 5-7)
  - Do we find our value in comparative superiority? (v. 5-7, 12)