

Matthew Series Part 97  
*Hypocrisy Judged* | Matthew 23:34-39

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Introduction

1. *God's Patience Revealed* (v34a, 37)

a. God's Extraordinary Patience

b. God's Ordinary Means (v34a)

c. God's Merciful Heart (v37)

2. *God's Judgment Revealed* (v34-37a, 38-39)

a. A Well-Earned Judgment (v34, 37a)

b. A Long-Awaited Judgment (v35-36)

c. A Certain but Avoidable Judgment (v38-39)

Conclusion

## Discussion Questions

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1. Define the Divine attribute of Patience.
  - a. How is it related to God's power? (See Nah.1:3)
  - b. Discuss its goals (See 2Pet.3:9-10, Is.30:18, Rom.9:22-23)
  - c. How might the patience of God be misinterpreted by believers and unbelievers? (See Ps.73:1-13, Eccl.8:11).
  - d. Stephen Charnock: *"Patience differs from mercy in the consideration of the object: mercy respects the creature as miserable, patience respects the creature as criminal; mercy pities him in his misery, and patience bears with the sin which engendered the misery, and is giving birth to more."* Discuss.
2. To what extent might the condition of the Gospel ministry in a nation or Church be a gauge of God's patience?
3. How do we see both God's *"secret will"* and *"revealed will"* at work in this passage? How do we reconcile these truths?
4. How is it that God expresses a sincere desire for an end He knows will not in fact be accomplished (such as Jesus' expressed desire that the non-elect to be saved)?
5. Chart in as much detail as possible the parallels between the events Jesus describes here and those in OT history that foreshadow it.
6. What was the purpose of the Temple? Why was it destroyed? Will there ever be need of another physical Temple in this world? Why or why not?
7. What exhortations to evangelism are found in this passage?
8. What points of personal application will you draw from this study?