

Pharisees, Scribes, and Blind Guides

Matthew 23:1-24

December 15, 2019

- I. Sitting in Moses' Seat (verses 1-4)
 - A. Moses' seat
 - B. Do what they say
 - C. Not what they do
- II. The Heart of Hypocrisy (verses 5-7)
 - A. Doing good works to be seen by others
 - B. Big phylacteries and long fringes (Exodus 13:9, 16; Deuteronomy 6:8; 11:18)
 - C. Good seats and respectful greetings
- III. Titles and Christians (verses 8-12; 1 Corinthians 4:15)
- IV. The Wrong Kind of Evangelism (verses 13-15)
 - A. Woe!
 - B. Shutting the kingdom
 - C. Children of hell
- V. Wriggling Out of Promises (verses 16-22)
 - A. What were oaths *for*?
 - B. The “out”
 - C. Jesus calls out the “out” (James 5:12)
- VI. Straining Gnats and Swallowing Camels (verses 23-24)
 - A. Tithing herbs
 - B. Neglecting justice, mercy, and faithfulness (James 2:12-13)
- VII. Thoughts at the Halfway Mark
 - A. The way to Christlike leadership is to humble yourself (Luke 22:27)
 - B. The way to resist ungodly leadership is to be better than your leaders
 - C. We are all in danger of Pharisaism: it's just a matter of how