

"RELIGIOUS DECEPTION"

Matthew 7:13-23

INTRODUCTION:

Do you have a religion, or righteousness?

The Lord Jesus warns us to: ***Beware of religious deception!**

I. Don't be deceived by RELIGIOUS ACCEPTANCE (v. 13-14)
(The right way is straight and narrow)

--Jesus contrasts 2 roads

II. Don't be deceived by RELIGIOUS APPEARANCE (v. 15-20)
(The right way bears good fruit)

--Jesus contrasts 2 fruits

III. Don't be deceived by RELIGIOUS PERFORMANCE
(The right way does God's will)

--Jesus contrasts 2 professions

CONCLUSION: