

# Matt 23:15-32 Week 78

## Counterfeits and Curses (Part 2)

Matt 23:15 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are. 16 "Woe to you, blind guides! You say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it means nothing; but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.' 17 You blind fools! Which is greater: the gold, or the temple that makes the gold sacred? 18 You also say, 'If anyone swears by the altar, it means nothing; but if anyone swears by the gift on it, he is bound by his oath.' 19 You blind men! Which is greater: the gift, or the altar that makes the gift sacred? 20 Therefore, he who swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. 21 And he who swears by the temple swears by it and by the one who dwells in it. 22 And he who swears by heaven swears by God's throne and by the one who sits on it. 23 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices-mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law-justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. 24 You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel. NIV

### Jesus Curses

1. Jesus cursed the scribes and Pharisees for their \_\_\_\_\_ of men from the kingdom of heaven.
  - How does this happen? It's just another performance-based religion that ends up in hell with their works \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Every religion is all about what man must \_\_\_\_\_. Christianity is a religion that is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Beware of the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus
  - When men's eternal souls are at stake, the church cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The key is doing it in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - You cannot hide behind false humility that fears being \_\_\_\_\_, or behind false love that fears \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus cursed the scribes and Pharisees for their \_\_\_\_\_ of the people.

- The Pharisees not only \_\_\_\_\_ them from the true faith, but subverted them with false \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Jews had two classifications of proselytes:
  - a. Those who converted to Jewish beliefs and were circumcised-- they were called proselytes of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Proselytes of the \_\_\_\_\_. The word proselyte means “come over”. They were not yet righteous and were in the process of coming over.
- Notice: The Lord was not \_\_\_\_\_ Israel’s mission to mankind. They added their truths to the Word of God making it not a God-pleasing \_\_\_\_\_, but a man-pleasing \_\_\_\_\_.
- The faith that saves has corresponding \_\_\_\_\_ that follow.

How to overcome the woes:

1. Truth can only set you free if you know and \_\_\_\_\_ truth.
2. What you believe and what you practice has to follow Godly \_\_\_\_\_.
3. What you live out will have a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ effect on those in your world.