

## Matt 23:25-24:1 Week 79

### Counterfeits and Curses Part 3

Matt 23:25 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. 26 Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean. 27 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean. 28 In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness. 29 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous. 30 And you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our forefathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' 31 So you testify against yourselves that you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets. 32 Fill up, then, the measure of the sin of your forefathers! 33 "You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell? 34 Therefore I am sending you prophets and wise men and teachers. Some of them you will kill and crucify; others you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town. 35 And so upon you will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Berekiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. 36 I tell you the truth, all this will come upon this generation. 37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. 38 Look, your house is left to you desolate. 39 For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

#### 1. The Show of \_\_\_\_\_

- The leader's show of righteousness was, in Jesus eyes, \_\_\_\_\_.
- Again, we see Jesus cursed the scribes and Pharisees for their \_\_\_\_\_ of others and indulgence of sin.
- They were ceremonially immaculate and attractive but \_\_\_\_\_ unclean and repulsive inwardly.

Harpag (robbery) carries the ideas of plundering, pillaging, and extortion, and Akrasia (self-indulgence) has the basic meaning of lack of self-control and was often used to denote unrestrained self-gratification.

- So what are the roles we have as ministers?

2 Chron 31:18b For in their office of trust they cleansed themselves and set themselves apart in holiness. 2 Chron 31:20 Hezekiah did this throughout all Judah, and he did what was good, right, and faithful before the Lord his God. 21 And every work that he began in the service of the house of God, in keeping with the law and the commandments to seek his God [inquiring of and yearning for Him], he did with all his heart, and he prospered.

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves and be set apart in holiness.
- b) Do what is good, right and \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) Keep God's commandments, seek God \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ for Him with all your hearts.

What does that mean?

- He has already \_\_\_\_\_ you.
- The very word implies an earnest \_\_\_\_\_ within.
- Walking \_\_\_\_\_ (literally, bow down the going) yet still with thy God; never lifting up thyself, never sleeping, never standing still, but ever walking on,
- Keep a proper \_\_\_\_\_ of oneself.

2. A Show of \_\_\_\_\_

- He is saying that unless \_\_\_\_\_ purity comes first, outward ceremonial cleansing amounts to nothing.
- External purity has to be the \_\_\_\_\_ coming from inward purity.
- No \_\_\_\_\_ was their word of the day.
- Lastly, Jesus cursed the scribes and Pharisees for their \_\_\_\_\_ in presuming to be superior to others, including their forefathers.
- Today \_\_\_\_\_ are equally are blinded about truth concerning what God is trying to accomplish in our own lives.
- Now Jesus expresses \_\_\_\_\_ at the hardness of His people.
- Sodom, represents \_\_\_\_\_ and Egypt, represents religion. The city of God had become the city of Satan.
- Finally, He tells of His coming again.
- v39 is a departing word of \_\_\_\_\_.