Message Outline



Hypocrisy Exposed

Matthew 23:13-22

I. Introduction

II. Hypocrisy Exposed

Matthew 23:13 (CSB)

13 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces. For you don’t go in, and you don’t allow those entering to go in.”

Matthew 23:15 (CSB)

15 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to make one convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as fit for hell as you are!”

Matthew 23:16-19 (CSB)

16 “Woe to you, blind guides, who say, ‘Whoever takes an oath by the temple, it means nothing. But whoever takes an oath by the gold of the temple is bound by his oath.’ 17 Blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctified the gold? 18 Also, ‘Whoever takes an oath by the altar, it means nothing; but whoever takes an oath by the gift that is on it is bound by his oath.’ 19 Blind people! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift?”

“But let your ‘yes’ mean ‘yes,’ and your ‘no’ mean ‘no.’”
(Matthew 5:37a, CSB)

Matthew 23:20-22 (CSB)

20 “Therefore, the one who takes an oath by the altar
takes an oath by it and by everything on it. 21 The one
who takes an oath by the temple takes an oath by it
and by him who dwells in it. 22 And the one who takes
an oath by heaven takes an oath by God’s throne and
by him who sits on it.”

“He said to him, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’”
(Matthew 22:37, CSB)

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