

Matthew 23

Title: Don't be like the Pharisees

Jesus is a LEGIT King who confronts hypocrisy when he sees it.

Three Warnings and a Charge:

1. Be careful of legalism (1-4)
2. Be careful of self-consumption (5-7)
3. Be careful of lofty titles (8-10)
4. Be a servant leader who makes people's lives better (11-12)

Seven 'Do Not's' and 'But Rather's':

1. Don't get in the way of people coming to Jesus...But rather, help them get to Jesus (13-14)
2. Don't convert people to yourself...But rather, help them become disciples of Jesus (15)
3. Don't play word games with people and God...But rather, be honest and transparent (16-22)
4. Don't neglect the heart of God for silly rules...But rather, focus on the things that matter (23-24)
5. Don't neglect your own heart for appearances...But rather, make sure your heart is good with God (25-26)
6. Don't neglect the state of your soul for social status...But rather, make things right with God and others (27-28)
7. Don't get crazy with people to get your own way...But rather, seek God for mercy (29-36)

Let us seek God for mercy.