

The Warning Against False Religion

Mathew 23: 01-12

(Mk 12:38-40; Lk 20:45-47)

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| <p>1. Jesus spoke to the crowds and to the disciples</p> <p>2. False religion is a religion that claims to “sit” in the truth (Moses’ seat)</p> <p>3. False religion is a religion of hypocrisy</p> <p>a. It is good to obey the religionists’ preaching</p> <p>b. It is not good to follow their practice</p> <p>4. False religion is a religion of heavy burdens</p> <p>a. Leaders impose heavy burdens upon others</p> <p>b. Leaders do not impose the burdens upon themselves</p> <p>5. False religion is a religion of show, of display</p> <p>a. A religion of appearance: Dress, clothing</p> <p>b. A religion of position: Positions that honour and exalt men</p> <p>c. A religion of titles: Titles that honour and exalt men</p> <p>6. False religion is a religion to be guarded against</p> <p>a. Because position and relationships are already established</p> <p>1) God is your Father</p> <p>2) Christ is your Teacher</p> <p>3) You are brothers</p> <p>b. Because greatness is measured by service</p> <p>c. Because judgment is coming</p> | <p>1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples:</p> <p>2 “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat.</p> <p>3 So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.</p> <p>4 They tie up heavy loads and put them on men’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.</p> <p>5 “Everything they do is done for men to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long;</p> <p>6 They love the place of honour at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues;</p> <p>7 They love to be greeted in the marketplaces and to have men call them ‘Rabbi.’</p> <p>8 “But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have only one Master and you are all brothers.</p> <p>9 And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven.</p> <p>10 Nor are you to be called ‘teacher,’ for you have one Teacher, the Christ.</p> <p>11 The greatest among you will be your servant.</p> <p>12 For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.</p> |
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