

Questions on Matthew chapter 23

1. What did Jesus mean by saying that “the Scribes and Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat”? Verses 1-2.

2. Concerning the Scribes and Pharisees, what did Jesus tell the multitude and the disciples to do and what not to do? Verse 3.

3. Name four things about the Scribes and Pharisees that Jesus criticized: (Verses 4-7)

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(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

4. What titles are off limits for disciples of Jesus and why? Verses 8-10.

5. What is considered greatness among disciples by Jesus? Verses 11-12.

6. Do you think the Scribes and Pharisees were able to literally shut up the kingdom of heaven? Verse 13.

7. Do you think the term “devour widows’ houses” is a hyperbole (a figure of speech)? Verse 14.

8. What is a proselyte and of what were they proselytes? Verse 15.

9. Why was it wrong to emphasize the gold more than the temple? Verses 16-17.

10. Why was it wrong to emphasize the gift more than the altar? Verses 18-19.

11. How does their emphasis on the gold and the gift relate to swearing? Verses 16-19.

12. Did their swearing by what they considered lesser things make their oaths invalid? Verses 20-21.

13. If someone swears by heaven, does that free them from their oath because they didn't swear by God? Verse 22.

14. What was a tithe and what is mint, anise, and cummin? Verse 23.

15. What would please the Lord more than tithes of mint, anise, and cummin? Verse 24.

16. In this hyperbole, would Jesus have us swallow gnats? Verse 24.

17. What is the lesson Jesus taught in these verses about the outside and inside of the cup? Verses 25-26.

18. What is a sepulcher and how did that relate to the scribes and Pharisees, according to Jesus? Verses 27-28.

19. How did Jesus know they were insincere when they claimed they would not have been partakers “in the blood of the prophets”? Verses 29-31.

20. Their fathers had provided a measure and now they are about to fill it to the brim. What was their measure? Verse 32.

21. What other person had referred to them as “serpents”? Verse 33.

22. Because of their unrighteous conduct what was it, in your view, that was going to befall that generation? Verses 34-35.

23. Although they were the followers of those who killed the prophets, did Jesus have any feeling of compassion or tenderness toward them? Verse 37.

24. Their house is the city of Jerusalem. What would happen to it? Verse 38.

25. The people did not welcome Jesus after His resurrection or on Pentecost, so when would they greet Him with the praise, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord"? Verse 39.