

Jesus' Indictments Against the Pharisees

Matthew 23



- ➔ THEY USED THE TEMPLE FOR THEIR OWN BENEFIT
- ➔ THEY USED THE MINISTRY PRIMARILY AS A MEANS TO EARN A LIVLIHOOD, NOT TO SERVE
- ➔ THEY WERE SELF-RIGHTEOUS RATHER THAN HUMBLE

➔ "But woe
to you . . .
Pharisees . . .

➔ Matthew 23:13

- ➔ THEY SOUGHT RECOGNITION AND SELF-IMAGE BY PRAYING, FASTING, AND GIVING BEFORE PEOPLE
- ➔ THEY WERE HYPOCRITES, BEHAVING ONE WAY PUBLICALLY BUT ANOTHER WAY PRIVATELY
- ➔ THEY WERE OUTWARDLY PURE BUT INWARDLY CORRUPT
- ➔ THEY KNEW GOD'S WORD, BUT FAILED TO HEED AND PRACTICE IT
- ➔ THEY OPPRESSED THE POOR AND THE WEAK