

Leadership and Servanthood

What's the Difference?

Matthew 23

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Matthew 23:1 Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples,

² saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses;

³ therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say *things*, and do not do *them*.

⁴ "And they tie up heavy loads, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves are unwilling to move them with *so much* as a finger.

⁵ "But they do all their deeds to be noticed by men; for they broaden their phylacteries, and lengthen the tassels *of their garments*.

⁶ "And they love the place of honor at banquets, and the chief seats in the synagogues,
⁷ and respectful greetings in the market places, and being called by men, Rabbi.

⁸ "But do not be called Rabbi; for One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers.

⁹ "And do not call *anyone* on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.

¹⁰ "And do not be called leaders; for One is your Leader, *that is*, Christ.

¹¹ "But the greatest among you shall be your servant.

¹² "And whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.

LEADERS SERVE with...

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¹³ "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from men; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.

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¹⁴ "*Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you devour widows' houses, even while for a pretense you make long prayers; therefore you shall receive greater condemnation.*

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¹⁵ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you travel about on sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.

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¹⁶ "Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'Whoever swears by the temple, that is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obligated.'

¹⁷ "You fools and blind men; which is more important, the gold, or the temple that sanctified the gold?

¹⁸ "And, 'Whoever swears by the altar, *that is* nothing, but whoever swears by the offering upon it, he is obligated.'

¹⁹ "You blind men, which is more important, the offering or the altar that sanctifies the offering?

²⁰ "Therefore he who swears by the altar, swears *both* by the altar and by everything on it.

²¹ "And he who swears by the temple, swears *both* by the temple and by Him who dwells within it.

²² "And he who swears by heaven, swears *both* by the throne of God and by Him who sits upon it.

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²³ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.

²⁴ "You blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!

6. c _____

²⁵ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence.

²⁶ "You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also.

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²⁷ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

²⁸ "Even so you too outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

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²⁹ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous,

³⁰ and say, 'If we had been *living* in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in *shedding* the blood of the prophets.'

³¹ "Consequently you bear witness against yourselves, that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.

³² "Fill up then the measure *of the guilt* of your fathers.

³³ "You serpents, you brood of vipers, how shall you escape the sentence of hell?"

LEADERSHIP AND LEGACY

³⁴ "Therefore, behold, I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city,

³⁵ that upon you may fall *the guilt of* all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.

³⁶ "Truly I say to you, all these things shall come upon this generation.

³⁷ "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.

³⁸ "Behold, your house is being left to you desolate!

³⁹ "For I say to you, from now on you shall not see Me until you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'"