

9. The religious leaders made a wilful, deliberate choice to do what?
10. Did the religious leaders have an excuse for their decision about Jesus?
11. The reason why the religious leaders rejected Jesus was simply because they didn't want to what?
12. Jesus didn't unleash this stinging reproof just to do what?
13. What was the first goal that Jesus had in mind when He uttered these words of stinging reproof?
14. Would the people of Jesus' day have viewed the scribes and Pharisees as hypocrites?
15. There are actually many, many religious leaders in Christendom who don't really have a what?
16. After Jesus described them in verses 4-7, He basically said what to His disciples?
17. A second reason why Jesus uttered these strong words is because it was, in essence, His final what?
18. Is it unloving to be firm, straightforward, frank, and candid with someone when you know that is the only way to save him from total destruction?
19. What word does Jesus repeat in verses, 13,14,15,16,23,25, 27, and 29?
20. What does the word, "Woe" mean?
21. These words in Matthew 23 are the last words Jesus spoke where?
22. The conversation of Chapters 24-25 were spoken where?
23. In verse 13, Jesus turned His focus to whom?
24. Not only did Jesus warn the scribes and Pharisees about the judgment that was coming, He also did what?
25. Was Jesus calling the scribes and Pharisees names?
26. The leaders were hypocrites because they pretended to live for the glory of God but they were really living for what?
27. The religious leaders weighted people down with what?
28. What kind of manipulation is a powerful tool used effectively by many religions?
29. The very leaders who were supposed to show people the way into the kingdom of heaven and help people into the kingdom actually did what?
30. How did the religious leader hinder people from going into the kingdom of heaven?
31. Does a similar thing happen today (even in Christian religion)?
32. Jesus was passionate in this rebuke because what was at stake?
33. According to Luke's abbreviated account, Jesus said that the leaders devoured what ?
34. It is an established fact that the overwhelming majority of money gained by prosperity gospel preachers comes from whom?

35. Gehenna referred to the Valley of Hinnom which was used as what?

36. According to Matthew 8:11-12, how is hell described?

37. How is hell described in other passages?

38. What are some deceptive marks of false religious leaders?

39. Have you repented of your sins? Have you committed your life to the Lord Jesus Christ? Do you really know Him as your personal Lord and Savior?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

»»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

»»How can I accomplish this change?

»»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

1. Read Matthew 23 this week

2. What is the most pressing and urgent issue in our world today?

3. Re-read Matthew 23:13-24 and consider why it is so critical that we not skip over this passage. What might be some things you would miss from this passage if you skipped it?

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TWICE AS MUCH A SON OF HELL

Matthew 23:13-15

(Series #128)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon **“Twice As Much a Son of Hell.”** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What reference tells us that there was nothing spectacular about the Lord's physical appearance?

2. Jesus was a man's man, tough and strong. He was also what?

3. A “bruised reed” and a “smoking flax” are illustrations of people who are viewed by society as what?

4. Unlike the spiritual leaders of Israel, Jesus reached out to the feeble and useless people of society. His goal was what?

5. It should really get our attention when we Jesus doing what?

6. What prompted Jesus to unleash the stinging rebuke against the religious leaders of His day?

7. When Jesus decided that the religious leaders had asked Him enough questions, He did what?

8. The religious leaders couldn't answer the question because they what?

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