

9. The religious leaders majored on the minors and dismissed what?
10. Jesus castigated the religious leaders for paying so much attention to externals, without ever addressing what?
11. The religious leaders dressed up their outward appearance while the true inner person was what spiritually?
12. Are you like the religious leaders of Jesus' day? How so?
13. Explain how the religious leaders could be considered spiritually blind and still responsible for being that?
14. What happens if a person ignores his spiritual heart condition and plays mind games justifying his error long enough?
15. How many times did Jesus tell the leaders they were blind?
16. Not only were they blind; Jesus also referred to them as what?
17. How many times did Jesus describe the leaders as hypocrites?
18. Why did Jesus say that the leaders were hypocrites?
19. The scribes and Pharisees would not take heed to a single thing said by what group?
20. The religious leaders' claim in verse 29 was either a blatant lie or what?
21. The Judaism of Jesus' day was so far off base that it had become what kind of Judaism?
22. Jesus was saying in verse 35, "Regardless of what you claim, you are just like those who..." did what?
23. When you hear Jesus talk like what we see in verse 33, you know He is grieved and what?
24. Why did Jesus call the leaders, "snakes" (serpents and Vipers)?
25. It is mind boggling to think that many, many religious people are going to end up where?
26. What is often the response of religious people to those who truly represent the Lord and His word?
27. Sometimes religious people resist the truth of God's Word, even to the point of what?
28. In Jesus' day, the persecution of Jesus and His disciples rarely came from what/whom?
29. Who were the first and last martyrs of the Old Testament?
30. The accountability of the religious leaders in Israel in Jesus' day was greater than anyone's from the past because of what reason?
31. The religious leaders were continuing in the legacy of whom?
32. When did the judgment of God fall on the generation whom Jesus is speaking to?
33. How many Jews were killed by the Roman soldiers in 70 A.D.?
34. The people who died clinging to their religion, but no genuine relationship with Jesus found themselves headed for where?

35. A lot of religious people on judgment day will hold up all their what?

36. Many religious people never have any relationship with Jesus Christ. They have empty religion. Are you one of them?

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. **How is the role of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life today different than a believer of the Old Testament?**
3. **What does it mean to "quench the Spirit"?**
4. **What does the Mosaic Law have to do with us today?**

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MURDERERS WHO ARE BLIND

Matthew 23:29-35

(Series #131)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**Murderers Who Are Blind.**" 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 is one of the difficulties in wearing a WWJD wristband?
2. Can you picture Jesus calling out a group of pastors, priests, reverends, cardinals, bishops, fathers, or popes?
3. The last public sermon Jesus ever gave was a what?
4. What does the word "woe" mean (jot down one or two meanings)?
5. Each woe introduces an issue concerning which our Lord was what?
6. The religious leaders were leading people to what?
7. The people who followed the religious leaders' religion ended up becoming what?
8. In verses 16-22 Jesus rebuked the religious leaders for trying to get around issues on what?

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