

Strain a Gnat & Swallow a Camel

Matthew 23:16-24

(series #129)

Intro: the most pressing or urgent issue of our day

I. **Evasiveness in Keeping Your Word vv. 16-22**

A. The temple and gold of the temple vv. 16-17

B. The altar and the gift on it vv. 18-19

C. The setting straight by Jesus vv. 20-22

II. **Neglecting the Most Important Issues vv. 23-24**

A. Tithing on the herbs/seeds v. 23

1. Leviticus 27:13

2. Neglecting justice, mercy, faith

B. Majoring on the Minors v. 24

1. Lev. 11:23 - the gnat was unclean

2. Lev. 11:4 - the camel was unclean

Conclusion: Matthew 15:8 - "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me."