

Murderers Who Are Blind

Matthew 23:29-36

(series #131)

Intro: The “woes” uttered by our Lord in this rebuke

- because they had shut up the kingdom v. 13
- because they produced sons of hell v. 15
- because they resorted to technicalities vv. 16-22
- because they majored on minors vv. 23-24
- because they focused on externals vv. 25-26
- because they dressed up the outside vv. 27-28

I. The Assertion of the Leaders vv. 29-30

- A. Their blindness vv. 16,17,19,24,26
- B. Their hypocrisy vv.13,14,15,23,25,27-29

II. The Connection with their Ancestors vv. 31-32

- A. Their hatred of the truth v. 31
- B. Their connection to their ancestors v. 32

III. The Description of the Religious Leaders v. 33

- A. Serpents and vipers
- B. Destined for hell

IV. The Proof of their Character vv. 34-36

- A. They reject God’s true messengers v. 34
- B. From Abel to Zechariah v. 35
 - 1. The first and last martyrs of the O.T.
 - 2. It’s an affirmation of the O.T. canon
- C. They would face the judgment of A.D. 70

Conclusion: Matthew 7:21-23