



SEVEN WOES OF SUMMER

COMBATING RELIGIOUS HYPOCRISY

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PREACHING POINT: Because God humbles the proud and exalts the humble, we must earnestly combat our religious hypocrisy by displaying sincere, Christlike humility.

Matthew 23:1-12 (ESV)

1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 2 "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, 3 so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice. 4 They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. 5 They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, 6 and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues 7 and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others. 8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers. 9 And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. 10 Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. 11 The greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

1. See _____ (v.12)

2. Kill _____ (vv.1-10)

3. Seek _____ (v.11)

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Application Questions

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1. Read Matthew 23:27–28 and 1 Peter 2:1. How is “pretending” to be a different, or better, or smarter, or holier, or more cleaned up version of yourself, when you are at church or in LifeGroup, a form of hypocrisy?
 - a. How can you keep from letting this kind of hypocrisy continue in your life, even when you see so many people living this way?

2. Read Proverbs 16:18 and 1 Peter 5:5–6. What do these passages teach about how God responds to pride and to humility?
 - a. Where has God humbled you in the past because of your pride? How should God's past discipline toward your pride warn you about continued patterns of pride and hypocrisy in your life?

3. Read Matthew 6:1–4 and Colossians 3:9–10. Why is it so easy for religious habits to become more about being seen than about genuine obedience to God?
 - a. What hypocritical habits are you most tempted to perform for an audience, rather than for God? How can you kill those habits moving forward?

4. Read Philippians 2:3–8 and Mark 10:42–45. How does Jesus redefine true greatness through his own example of humility and service?
 - a. How can you grow in humble service toward God and others that is a genuine and sincere version of yourself?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

July 5th

Job 31-32 & Acts 13:1-23

June 6th

Job 33-34 & Acts 13:24-52

June 7th

Job 35-37 & Acts 14

July 8th

Job 38-39 & Acts 15:1-21

July 9th

Job 40-42 & Acts 15:22-41

July 10th

Psalms 1-3 & Acts 16:1-15

July 11th

Psalms 4-6 & Acts 16:16-40

July 12th

Psalms 7-9 & Acts 17:1-15

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