

**A FINAL WARNING REGARDING FALSE RELIGIOUS LEADERS
AS JESUS UNVEILS THE HYPOCRITES
Matthew 23:1-7**

I. FALSE RELIGIOUS LEADERS ARE SELF APPOINTING: Jesus warns the people and His disciples regarding the self-appointed religious hypocrites (1-2)

A. Who is being warned: Jesus warns the crowds and His disciples (1)

B. They are self-appointed religious hypocrites (2)

II. FALSE RELIGIOUS LEADERS AT THE CORE ARE HYPOCRITES: Jesus reveals their deadly hypocrisy (3-4)

A. **They say... but don't do:** Thus do what they say (when it is Scriptural) but not what they do (3)

B. Their hypocrisy is manifest in **laying burdensome religious loads** on others, that **they do even keep (4)**

III. FALSE RELIGIOUS LEADERS ARE MOTIVATED BY A HYPOCRITICAL SELF-ELEVATING APPROVAL OF MEN: Jesus reveal they do all for mans approval (5-7)

A. All they do is motivated by man's approval (5)

B. They love man's honor and respect (6)

C. They love titles man gives (7)