

**WHAT IS JESUS' VIEW OF FALSE RELIGIOUS LEADERS?
WOE TO THOSE WHO'S TEACHING IS DESIGNED TO COVER UP SIN
Matthew 23:16-22**

I. REVIEW: JESUS ETERNALLY CONDEMNS FALSE RELIGIOUS LEADERS BECAUSE THEY BLOCK PEOPLE FROM COMING TO CHRIST and make their converts twice the sons of hell as themselves (13, 15)

II. JESUS ETERNALLY CONDEMNS FALSE RELIGIOUS LEADERS BECAUSE THEY USE THEIR RELIGIOUS TEACHING TO COVER SIN (16-22)

A. Jesus pronounces eternal condemnation on the Pharisees and Scribes **revealing their true nature** as blind guides, fools, blind men (16a, 17a, 19a) (16a)

B. The reason for the Woe; In their foolish spiritual blindness, Jesus reveals they use their illogical religious teaching as a cover for sin **(16-19)**

1. What was their teaching? Jesus gives the example of oaths (16-19)

2. The flaws in their teaching: Omission and misplaced emphasis (16-22, Matt 5:33, and various OT passages)

3. The result of this teaching: Jews had propagated a hypocritical culture of deceit with a lawful religious veneer (Matt 15:3-11)

C. Jesus reveals that their tricky teaching does not alleviate their eternal accountability to Him for their words (20-22)

IV. THE ETERNAL CONSEQUENCE FOR A LYING HEART as Evidenced by deceitful speech: Judgment (Proverbs, Rev 21)