

JESUS' VIEW OF FALSE RELIGIOUS LEADERS
ETERNAL WARNINGS FOR US ALL
Matthew 23:25-28

I. *BEWARE:* FALSE LEADERS ARE CONDEMNED FOR THEIR HYPOCRITICAL RELIGIOUS EXTERNALISM WHICH DOESN'T ADDRESS INTERNALLY SINFUL HEARTS (25-26)

A. Jesus eternally condemns the leaders for their outward religious rituals which do not address their inward hearts overflowing with sin (25)

B. Jesus reveals in their spiritual blindness, In their externalism they miss the most important thing, the need for internal cleansing from sin first (26)

II. *BEWARE:* FALSE LEADERS ARE CONDEMNED BECAUSE ALTHOUGH APPEARING EXTERNALLY BEAUTIFUL, THEY ARE INTERNALLY FULL OF SIN AND THUS SPREAD SPIRITUAL DEATH (27-28)

A. Jesus eternally condemns the leaders, likening them to whitewashed tombs that appear beautiful but are overflowing with death and defilement (27)

B. Jesus thus reveals the leaders are condemned for their hypocritical outward appearance of beauty, while the inside is full of contaminating spiritual death because of sin (28)