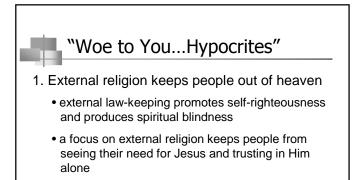


"Woe to You...Hypocrites"

- "Sincere" hypocrisy?
 - not the hypocrisy of deliberate, self-conscious deceit but rather of self-deceit and blindness
 - a distorted perspective that focuses on the externals while missing the essence of what God desires

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Matthew 23:13-36



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- 2. Hypocrisy is seen in majoring on the minors
 - > two illustrations:
 - carefully defining which oaths were binding and which were not
 - tithing garden herbs while neglecting the heart of the Law

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- 2. Hypocrisy is seen in majoring on the minors
 - > principles
 - focusing on minor issues of obedience or doctrine obscures what is essential
 - mere external obedience can blind us to issues of the heart

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- 3. The necessity and priority of inward change
 - two metaphors
 - the outside and inside of a cup or dish
 - the outside and inside of a whitewashed tomb

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- 3. The necessity and priority of inward change
 - ➤ principles
 - outward righteousness without inward purity is hypocrisy and lawlessness
 - inward cleansing and transformation leads to outward obedience