

MATTHEW 23

THE KING'S WARNINGS

Chapter 23

Summary: In Jesus' last public message He denounces the false religion of the religious leaders, and warns of the consequences of following them.

I. Jesus warns the multitude about the leaders (1-12): (A) about their **hypocrisy** (1-3); their **legalism** (4); and their **pride** (5-12).

II. Jesus warns the leaders themselves (13-36): about their **obstructionism** (13); **covetousness** (14); **proselytism** (15); **dishonesty** (16-22); **externalism** (23-24); **impurity** (25-28); and **persecution** (29-36).

III. Jesus warns the nation about following the leaders (37-39): about its **resistance** (37); and **desolation** (38-39).

Lesson: *God warns us because He loves us.*