

**Matthew 23:1-39 – Choose who you follow****Misled but given another opportunity****Warnings and instructions – v 1-12****Obey God's law****Obedience with grace****“tie up heavy loads for you to lift and do not even lift a finger themselves”****...legalistic righteousness outside a context of grace****Not obedience for show****Not about elevated titles****Verse 11 ... greatness is about service and servant hood.****7 woes – v 13- 46****Woe #1 – v 13****... any who listen to them will also miss out on the kingdom of heaven.****Woe #2 – v 15****V 14 - see Mark 12:40****... win people to pharisaic belief but not to Jesus.****.. in our evangelism we only point people towards following Jesus and not towards following us or the Anglican church.****Woe #3 – v 16****... encourage people to lie and be deceitful by making oaths they never plan to keep.****Matthew 5:33-37 ... Yes be Yes and your no be no.****... legalism avoided the command of God to be truthful with your words****Woe #4 – v 23**

Matthew 23:1-39 – Choose who you follow

... great attention to really insignificant things and completely ignore more important things.

... ignore the commands of God's law to show justice, give mercy and be faithful.

“They strain out a gnat and swallow a camel”

### The final three

... Clean on the outside and dirty on the inside

= full of greed and self indulgence.

... white washed tombs

= on the inside they are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

... lament the way their forefathers killed those God sent

... yet they are doing the very same thing.

Rejected by God

your house ... and it is desolate (v38)