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Matthew 23

● Rebuke of the Pharisees

- “Do not do what they do” **v3**
- “Bind heavy burdens” **v4**
- “They do to be seen by men” **v5**
- “Love the best seats” **v6**
- “Greetings in the marketplace” **v7**

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- Seven woes – **v14, v15, v16, v23, v25, v27, v29**

Devour widows houses; win one proselyte; swears by the temple; neglected the weightier matters of the law; full of extortion and self-indulgence; whitewashed tombs; sons of those who murdered the prophets.

SERPENTS, BROOD OF VIPERS! HOW CAN YOU ESCAPE THE CONDEMNATION OF HELL?

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O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

(Matthew 23:37)

(Also found in Luke 13:34-35)

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WHY BE SORROWFUL?

- They did kill the prophets:
 - **2 Chronicles 24:17-22**
 - **Nehemiah 9:26**
 - **Jeremiah 26:23**
 - **Revelation 17:6**
- Jesus warned them of their actions
 - **Matthew 21:33-45**
 - ***See also Mark 12:1-12***



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WHY BE SORROWFUL?

- They would not listen
 - **Jeremiah 25:1-7**
- They would be destroyed
 - **Luke 19:41-44**
 - **Luke 21:20-24**
 - **Matthew 24**









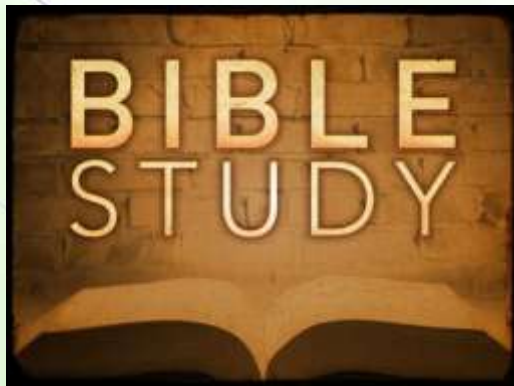
**And should I not pity
Nineveh, that great city, in
which are more than one
hundred and twenty
thousand persons who
cannot discern between
their right hand and their
left—and much livestock?**

(Jonah 4:11)

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The need today

- Have a heart to feel
- Have an eye to see
- Have a hand to help
- Have a desire to save



“Is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance”

(2 Peter 3:9)

“Who will not come to Christ that they might have life”

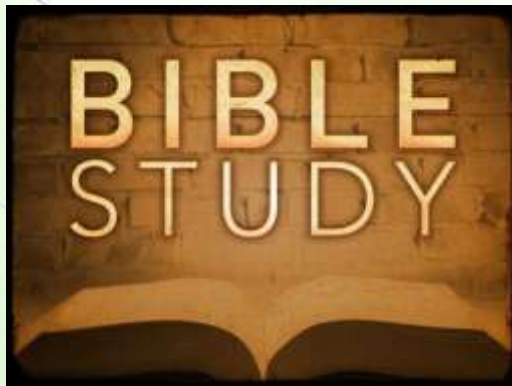
(John 5:40)

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"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

(Matthew 7:13-14)



LOOK!
HE COMES
WITH THE
CLOUDS OF
HEAVEN. AND EVERYONE WILL SEE HIM...