

MATTHEW 23.4-7, 23-31

[The scribes and the Pharisees] tie up heavy **burdens, hard to bear**, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are **unwilling to lift a finger** to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long.

They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats **in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces**, and to have people call them rabbi....
"Woe to you, scribes and **Pharisees**, hypocrites! **For you tithe mint**, dill, and cummin, and **have neglected** the weightier matters of the law: **justice** and mercy and faith. **It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the others.** You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel! "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For **you clean the outside of the cup** and of the plate, but **inside they are full of greed** and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may become clean.
"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside look beautiful, but inside they are full of the bones of the dead and of all kinds of filth. So you also on the outside look righteous to others, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For **you build the tombs of the prophets** and decorate the graves of the righteous, and you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the **blood of the prophets.**' Thus you testify against yourselves that you are descendants of those who murdered the prophets.

LUKE 11.37-54

While he was speaking, a Pharisee invited him to dine with him; so he went in and took his place at the table. The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not first wash before dinner. Then the Lord said to him, "Now **you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup** and of the dish, but **inside you are full of greed** and wickedness. You fools! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? So give for alms those things that are within; and see, everything will be clean for you. "But **woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint** and rue and herbs of all kinds, and **neglect justice** and the love of God; **it is these you ought to have practiced, without neglecting the others.** Woe to you Pharisees! **For you love to have the seat of honor in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces.** Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without realizing it."
One of the lawyers answered him, "Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us too." And he said, "Woe also to **you lawyers!** For you load people with **burdens hard to bear**, and you yourselves do not lift a finger to ease them. Woe to you! For **you build the tombs of the prophets** whom your ancestors killed. So you are witnesses and approve of the deeds of your ancestors; for they killed them, and you build their tombs. Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,' so that this generation may be charged with the **blood of all the prophets** shed since the foundation of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be charged against this generation. Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering." When he went outside, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile toward him and to cross-examine him about many things, lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.