

# Bible reading

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<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: <sup>2</sup> “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. <sup>3</sup> So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. <sup>4</sup> They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

<sup>5</sup> “Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; <sup>6</sup> they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; <sup>7</sup> they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by others.

# Matthew 23:1–12

<sup>8</sup> “But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. <sup>9</sup> And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. <sup>10</sup> Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah. <sup>11</sup> The greatest among you will be your servant. <sup>12</sup> For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.



# John 4:23–24

<sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”



# No dressing up

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# What drives us in our job

- ▶ Money
- ▶ Power
- ▶ Status



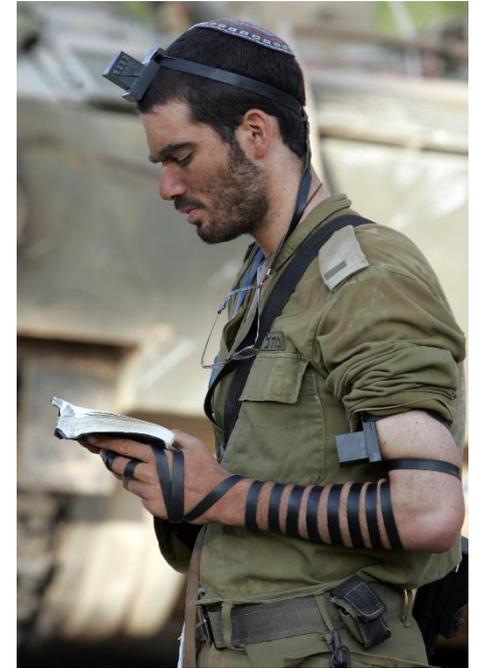
# And in the kingdom of God?

- ▶ Money
    - Prosperity gospel
  - ▶ Power
    - Kingdom now
  - ▶ Status
    - Worship of saints
    - Clergy – Laymen
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# The Pharisees

Definitely there for the status (power?money?)

## The Pharisee



### phylacteries:

Deuteronomy 6:8

<sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children.

Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

# The woes

<sup>13</sup> “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to. [14]

<sup>15</sup> “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when you have succeeded, you make them twice as much a child of hell as you are.

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# 7 (or 8) woes

- ▶ 13 Prevent others to enter heaven
  - ▶ 14 [Misuse mourning widows]
  - ▶ 15 Make converts fanatics
  - ▶ 16 Make wrong rules, focus on riches
  - ▶ 23 Follow rules but forget mercy
  - ▶ 25 Clean outside but inside stays dirty
  - ▶ 27 Show hypocrisy and wickedness
  - ▶ 29 Persecute those who expose them
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# God's requirements (Mat. 5)

- ▶ 13 Prevent others to enter heaven
- ▶ <sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ▶ 14 [Misuse mourning widows]
- ▶ <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ▶ 15 Make converts fanatics
- ▶ <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ▶ 16 Make wrong rules, focus on riches
- ▶ <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ▶ 23 Follow rules but forget mercy
- ▶ <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
- ▶ 25 Clean outside but inside stays dirty
- ▶ <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- ▶ 27 Show hypocrisy and wickedness
- ▶ <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ▶ 29 Persecute those who expose them
- ▶ <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

# True worshippers

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No dressing up:

- ▶ Not the appearance (outside), but the Spirit (inside)
- ▶ Not the human rules (outside), but God’s truth (inside)