

God's Angry Distress Over Unbelief

Matthew 23:13-39

- 1) **Ten Traits of Hypocrisy in the Church**
 - a) Won't preach the gospel of Jesus Christ—in church! (13)
 - b) Take advantage of naive and trusting (14)
 - c) Efforts to convert others are for selfish gain (15)
 - d) Using God's name in vain (16-18)
 - e) Make promises they don't intend to keep (16-18)
 - f) Fail to comprehend the sovereignty of God (17-22)
 - g) Religious yet lack love for people (23)
 - h) Abstain from one thing and indulge in another (24)
 - i) Sculpt their bodies while neglecting their souls (27-28)
 - j) Lead in the church but hate the saints of God (29-35)

- 2) **What God hates speaks volumes about what He loves**
 - a) He loves, but He also hates; He is holy
 - b) He puts men in leadership to guide others to Him
 - c) He laments over those who reject Him

- 3) **Observations**
 - a) Condemning words are designed to spark repentance
 - b) Better to deal with a harsh preacher now than an angry God later
 - c) Jesus desires that we repent of our sins. Do you have the same desire for yourself?