

Matthew's Gospel

Chapter 23

Seat of Moses?



What is Yeshua Teaching?



Path #1: Do what the Pharisees say, but do not behave like them. (Deut. 17:9-11)

The Problem: Yeshua frequently disobeyed the Pharisees!

Examples:

- Plucking grain on the Sabbath (12:1-8)
- Healing on the Sabbath (12:9-14)
- Refusing to perform a sign (12:38-39/16:1-4)
- Not washing hands before eating (15:1-2)
- Refusal to rebuke His disciples (Luke 19:39-40)
- Refusal to reveal the source of His authority (21:23-27)

Does this mean that we should treat Yeshua the way He told us to treat the Pharisees – do what He says, but not as He does?!

Path #2: There is a mistranslation in the text.

יאמרו (yom-ru) = “**they** say”

יאמר (yom-eir) = “**he** says”

44 דכתיב נאם ה" לאדוני שב לימיני עד אשית אונין והוים לרגליך.

45 אם דוד קראו אדון איך יהיה בנו?

46 ולא יכלו להשיבו דבר מכאן ואילך פחדו לשאול ממנו דבר.

פרק צ"ו

1 ואז דבר יש"ו אל העם ואל תלמידיו

2 לאמר על כסא משה ישבו הפירושים והחכמים.

3 ועתה כל אשר יאמר לכם שמרו ועשו ובתקנותיהם ומעשיהם אל

תעשו שהם אומרים והם אינם עושים.

4 ודורשים ונותנים משאות גדולות לא יוכלו לסובלם והם

אפי' באצבעם אינם רוצים לנוע.

C אחריו EF, יחדו ABDG, יחדיו [עבדין 22:34]

A מהם + [א] | G ואמר + EF, וישאלהו [וישאלהו 22:35]

The Problem: Six of the nine copies of the Hebrew Matthew have *yom-ru*, not *yom-eir*.

Path #3: Avoid extremes.

Embrace truth wherever it is found. Reject falsehood wherever it is found.

OR

Eat the meat, and spit out the bones.

The Problem: We must be able to tell the difference!

Names that Yeshua called the Pharisees:

- **Hypocrites** (8x)
- **Blind guides** (5x)
- **Condemned** (2x)
- **Sons of *Gehenna***
- **Fools**
- **Thieves**
- **Self-indulgent**
- **Full of uncleanness**
- **Lawless (i.e. Torah-less)**
- **Murderers**
- **Serpents/vipers**

Blessed are...

1-...the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of God.

2-...those who mourn for they shall be comforted.

3-...the meek for they shall inherit the Land

4-...those who hunger and thirst after *tzedakkah* 7

5-...the merciful for they shall obtain mercy

6-...the clean in heart for they shall see God.

7-...the peacemakers for they shall be called Sons of God.

8-...those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Woe to...

1-...shut up the Kingdom of Heaven...

2-...you swallow up widows' houses...judged more strictly...

3-...wander over land & sea ...twice the son of Gehenna

4-...swears by...the gold in the Sanctuary...

5-...neglect...justice, kindness, and faith.

6-...cleanse the outside of the bowl...

7-...appear as whitewashed tombs...to the sons of men.

8-...build the tombs of the prophets...you have persecuted and murdered

2 Chronicles 24:20-22

Then the Spirit of God clothed **Zechariah the son of Jehoiada** the priest, and he stood above the people, and said to them, “Thus says God, ‘Why do you break the commandments of Adonai, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken Adonai, He has forsaken you.’” But they conspired against him, and by command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of Adonai. Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness that Jehoiada, Zechariah's father, had shown him, but killed his son. And when he was dying, he said, “May Adonai see and avenge!”