

MATTHEW 23, PART 2

Review

1. According to Matthew, who is Jesus? What did He come to do? How did He do it?
2. What was the central instruction in Matthew 23:1-12?

The Sermon on the Mount & Matthew 23

3. CHAPTER QUESTION: How does Matthew 23 draw from and apply the sermon on the mount (Mt. 5-7)? See the chart below for comparisons.

FIGURE #2: MATTHEW'S MAKARISMS AND REPROACHES COMPARED

MAKARISMS (Matt 5:3-12)

- * honoring
- * third person formulations
- * addressed to disciples
- * opens public ministry
- * "theirs is the kingdom of the heavens" (3, 10)
- * "hunger and thirst for righteousness" (6)
- * "merciful . . . receive mercy" (7)
- * "pure of heart" (8a)
- * "see God" (8b)
- * "sons of God" (9)
- * "so they persecuted the prophets" (12)

REPROACHES (Matt 23:13-31)

- * shaming
- * second person formulations
- * addressed to opponents
- * closes public ministry
- * "you shut the kingdom of the heavens" (13)
- * "outwardly appear righteous" (28)
- * "neglected mercy" (23)
- * "impure" (27)
- * "swear by God's throne" (22)
- * "son of Gehenna" (15)
- * "sons of those who killed the prophets" (31)

From K. C. Hanson. "How Honorable! How Shameful! A Cultural Analysis of Matthew's Makarisms and Reproach," *Semeia*, 68 [1995], 102.

Matthew 23:13-15

4. How should we understand the term *woe*?

5. What is a proselyte?

6. How should we apply this warning?

Mathew 23:16-22

7. Where does Jesus give a similar warning in the Sermon on the Mount?

8. How should we apply this warning?

Matthew 23:23-24

9. What are the “weightier matters of the law”?

10. How should we apply this warning?