

# MATTHEW

April 30, 2023

Matthew 23:1-12

## READ

Matthew 22:41-46

## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Do a little research. What is the significance of the chair of Moses (v. 2)? How does this translate into a criticism of the scribes & Pharisees?
2. Explain the warning in v. 3.
3. What are the "heavy burdens" which the scribes & Pharisees lay on men's shoulders (v. 4)?

Contrast this to Jesus (Matthew 11:28-30).

4. Do a little more research. What do you know about the phylacteries & tassels on their garments (v. 5)? Why is this a problem?
5. What is the problem detailed in vv. 6-7?

6. What is wrong with using such titles (vv. 8-10)?

Can you identify a time when the use of a title, or one's position, became problematic in a church setting?

7. What is the antithesis, or remedy, to the problems raised by the scribes & Pharisees (vv. 11-12)?

Where is such humility to be found or acquired?

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

I will look for opportunities to serve another/others this week by . . .

I will (renew my) surrender to the Lord this week by . . .