

THE JESUS THE WORLD HATES

Do you really know the Jesus of the Bible? The real Jesus many hate.

You fools, you hypocrites you whited sepulchres!

The article is taken from the very words of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, spoken to the Scribes and Pharisees in Jerusalem. Let's take a Scriptural look at a side of Jesus that most Christians will not believe, even when they see Him in their own Bibles.

Who were the Scribes and Pharisees?

The Pharisees were not the priests, but rather people from all walks of life who were very pious and strict keepers of the Law of Moses. They constantly adjusted the Law to fit the changing world according to their traditions and own desires. Among the more educated of the Pharisees were the Scribes and the rulers of the Jews:

"In the modern sense, they [the Scribes] were the religious scholars or theologians ... sometimes called lawyers ... or teachers of the law ... could make judicial decisions based on Scriptural exegesis, occupied important positions in the Sanhedrin ... played a major role in bringing on the crucifixion of Jesus" and they "mainly belonged to the party of the Pharisees Jesus called the Scribes and Pharisees "fools, hypocrites, blind guides, whited sepulchres, murderers, a generation of snakes," and many such epithets. Jesus called them "hypocrites" seven times in one chapter. He spoke with scathing derision to the Scribes and Pharisees throughout His ministry; very few of them received a kind word from Him.

And yet countless Christians write and tell me that Jesus never spoke like this or ever said a cruel or angry word in His life. Therefore when I sometimes write with an edge on my voice I am accused of not following the example of Jesus. Oh, but Jesus surely did speak harshly, demeaning and with great anger in His voice to the Scribes and Pharisees, the religious Leaders of His day. Jesus was not mild and soft-spoken when it came to the sins and hypocrisy of these Jewish leaders. Too many Christians have read the teachings of Jesus with rose-colored glasses covering both their eyes and their minds.

When the Pharisees asked Jesus, "Why do your disciples...?" Jesus didn't softly answer their question, rather He retorted back with, "Why do YOU...?" Jesus was never on the defensive, but always on the offensive. Using the vernacular, He was "in their faces!"

Do any believe Jesus was referencing farm animals when He said not to cast your pearls before swine or give what is holy to "the dogs or to pigs?"

Jesus referred to the recalcitrant Jewish leaders as, "an evil and adulterous generation," "serpents and snakes," and "children of the Devil." Why He even told the Scribes and

Pharisees regarding the royal and mighty King Herod: "Go ye and tell that fox [that jackal]..."

Jesus upbraided the Religious Leaders for their gross sins, Matthew 23:

"But woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites... for you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men..."

"...they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders, but will not move them with one of their fingers."

"Woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites... you devour widow's houses... you shall receive the greater damnation."

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites..."

"Woe unto you, ye blind guides..."

"You fools and blind..."

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees hypocrites! You... have omitted... judgment, mercy, and faith..."

"You blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel."

Woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites... Within they are full of extortion and excess.

You Blind Pharisees...

Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You are full of dead men's bones, and all uncleanness... and hypocrisy and iniquity...

Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!... you are the children of them which killed the prophets. Fill you up then the measure of your fathers.

You serpents, you generation of snakes... you kill and crucify... you scourge in your synagogues... behold your house is left unto you desolate"!!

Every one of these comments from Matt. 23 was spoken directly to the "Religious Scholars and Theologians of JUDAISM centered at the Temple in Jerusalem. Would Jesus speak in the same manner to the Religious Scholars and Theologians in God's Church today? Does Jesus "change"? NO. Has the Church changed in the past 2000 years? YES. It has gotten worse.

Now I assure you that I have never personally referred to the religious hypocrites of our day with all the descriptive words that Jesus used. Yet I am "cursed" and "condemned to

hell" for merely exposing the heresy of religious leaders and teachers. Positively no one in Christendom would ever sanction such a manner of speech from a minister in their denomination. There isn't a denomination in all Christendom that would hire Jesus as their pastor if He were to return today. Why they would throw him out the door on His ear before He got ten minutes into His first sermon. Christians are offended that I would even point out these historical facts of Scripture. They really don't want to believe Jesus spoke as He did, even though it's all right there in their Bibles. Most of the followers of the Scribes and Pharisees thought them to be virtually perfect, just like the modern Church scholars, teachers, and preachers are thought by their followers to be perfect.

The Prophet Malachi bears witness of the corruption that came into the Old Covenant People of God. Jesus dealt with this same corruption while He was building His own New Covenant Church. Just as the Old, the New also quickly began corrupting from within. Hardly a person alive believes that there is more corruption in the 21st century Church of God than in the 1st century Church of God. Get ready for some startling prophecies that prove what evils lurk in our hallowed halls of Christendom.

And except your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scholars and theologians in today's world of Christendom you shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Below are some Scriptures describing these conditions spilling over from the Jewish leaders into the Church that Jesus built:

Vessels in a great house:

Listen carefully, for these prophecies are not directed toward the world of unbelievers, but to the Church of God:

"But in A GREAT HOUSE there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth and some to honor, and some to dishonor" II Tim. 2:20.

Just what is this "great house" of which Paul speaks? Let Paul answer:

"But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar, and ground of the truth" I Tim. 3:15.

The Apostle Peter tells us that this House of God definitely needs judging:

"For the time is come that JUDGMENT must begin at The House of God..." I Pet. 4:17.

If the "House of God" needed judgment in the days of the Apostles, how much more judgment does it need today? And what did Paul prophesy would happen in this "Great House" in our day, "in the Latter Times?" Let's read it from the source:

"Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the LATTER TIMES some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking LIES IN HYPOCRISY; having their conscience seared with a hot iron" I Tim. 4:1.

How can a lost soul be saved in a great house of hypocrites? No wonder Jesus expressed so much anger.