

Hypocrites!
Matthew 22:41-23:12

Review:

1. Hypocrisy often stems from pride – thinking that rules are for followers, not for leaders
2. But no Christian has any room for pride – our Teacher and leader is the Christ, the Son of God
3. Christians must lead as He led – through humble service

Reflect:

1. Of which of your habits or abilities do you tend to be most proud? What steps can you take to devote these things to the glory of God?
2. Who do you think God is calling you to serve? How can you show the love and grace of Christ to these people?

Go further: Read Psalm 110

1. In verse 1, what title does David use for the One to Whom the Lord speaks?
2. Where does the Lord tell David's Lord, the Messiah, to sit?
3. What does the Lord promise to do to the enemies of the Messiah?
4. What will the Lord send out of Zion?
5. Where does the Lord tell the Messiah to rule?
6. In verse 3, in what different ways does David describe the people of the Lord?
7. In verse 4, what did the Lord swear the Messiah would be? How long will He hold this office?
8. In verse 5, how close does the Lord say He will be to the Messiah?
9. What do verses 5 and 6 say that the Messiah will do to kings and heads of many countries?
10. What will the Messiah do to the nations on the day of His wrath?
11. Where does verse 7 say the Messiah will drink? What will this drink do for Him?

Summary and Application:

1. Mt. Zion is the hill where Jerusalem, the capital of David's kingdom, is located. What would it mean for David that God would send the strength of David's Lord out of Zion (verse 2)? How does this point to Jesus' earthly ministry?
2. How closely do you fit the description of the Lord's people in verse 3? How does this verse challenge you in your service to Christ?
3. Read Hebrews 6:17-18. Why do you think it was so meaningful for David that the Lord took an oath when He made a promise to the Son of David? Why does this matter to us?
4. According to Genesis 14:18 and Hebrews 7:1, Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of the Most High God. How is Melchizedek similar to Jesus? Why are both of these offices of Christ so important to us?
5. What is your reaction to the truth that Jesus is coming to judge the world? What do you need to do to prepare for His coming?