



KINGDOM EMBASSY MINISTRIES

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“If you do not believe Moses’ writings, how will you believe My words?” If the Lord says that to you, be certain you are missing something important from Moses’ words. The disconnect comes easy when you spend enough time doing your own thing, while convincing yourself you are doing the Lord’s thing. Even worse is if you teach others to do the same. The end of that game is a disaster. You will fall so far down the rabbit hole that you can’t climb out. Before that happens, before you are convicted of always saying, but never doing, or doing, but doing the things of men and calling them the things of God, stop! Take pause while it’s not too late.

The whole of this attitude towards God is hypocrisy—bending His words to say what you want them to say, so you can do what you want to do, while claiming moral superiority over those who don’t follow your ways. Another form of sanctimony is to say one thing and practice another, while judging others for practicing one thing and saying another. Do this often enough and you will become as helpless as a greased egg trying to climb up a waterslide. There are a few guarantees in store for such practitioners. Everything covered will be revealed; everything hidden will be known. And, you will not escape the judgment of God!

The entire outcome hinges on your attitude. If you have a “beatitude,” it will afford the blessings bestowed upon those whose hearts are fixed on the kingdom of heaven—those who know what the kingdom of heaven is like and endeavor to live as such. If you have a “hypocratitude,” it will afford the woes bestowed upon those who live in hypocrisy and sanctimony—those who say and do not do, while judging others who do the same.

You choose: blessings—bliss, ecstasy, exaltation, supreme happiness, and heavenly joy. Or, woes—sorrow, distress, wretchedness, sadness, heartache, despondency, desolation, despair, trouble, difficulty, tribulation, burden, misfortune, disaster, and tragedy. Know this, when the Lord speaks to you, if it sounds anything like this: “Woe to you...,” instead of “Blessed are you...,” rethink your approach immediately. Realign your attitude towards the words of Moses and the words of Y’shua. How, you might ask? First believe Moses’ words, if ever you hope to believe the words of Christ! And newsflash—Christ’s words were written about you!

PROPHETIC SEED:

*“Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, saying: “The scribes and the Pharisees sit in **Moses’ seat**. Therefore **whatever they tell you to observe**, that **observe and do**, but **do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do.**” Matthew 23:1-3 NKJV*

“Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust. **For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?**” John 5:45-47 NKJV

PROPHETIC FRUIT:

“And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. **Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are...”** Matthew 5:1-3 NKJV

RIGHT SEAT WRONG HEART

1. Moses’ Seat

A. Abuse of Power

(1) Do what they instruct, but not what they do.

(a) **The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat.**

1. “Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, saying: **“The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do. For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men’s shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments. They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, ‘Rabbi, Rabbi.’ But you, do not be called ‘Rabbi’; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren. Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”**

Matthew 23:1-12 NKJV

B. Moses’ Seat Explained

(1) Bookends!

(a) Y’shua addresses a large gathering along with His disciples

1. **The Sermon on the Mount:** “And seeing the **multitudes**, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated **His disciples** came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: **“Blessed are** the poor in spirit, For **theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”** Matthew 5:1-3 NKJV
2. **The Seat of Moses:** “Then Jesus spoke to the **multitudes** and to **His disciples**, saying: **“The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat.”** Matthew 23:1-2 NKJV
3. “*And so it was, on the next day, that **Moses sat to judge the people; and the people stood before Moses from morning until evening.**”* Exodus 18:13 NKJV
4. “Whoever therefore **breaks** one of the least of these commandments, and **teaches** men so, shall be called **least** in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever **does** and **teaches** them, he shall be called **great** in the kingdom

- of heaven. For I say to you, that **unless your righteousness exceeds** the righteousness of the **scribes and Pharisees**, you will by **no means enter the kingdom of heaven.**" Matthew 5:19-20 NKJV
5. **"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.** For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But **he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it**, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, **this one will be blessed** in what he does." James 1:22-25 NKJV
 6. "But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." **Show me your faith without your works**, and I will show you my faith by my works." James 2:18 NKJV
 7. "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without works is dead also.**" James 2:26 NKJV
 8. **"Hypocrites!** Well did Isaiah [29:13] prophesy about you, saying: 'These people **draw near to Me with their mouth**, And honor Me with their lips, But their **heart is far from Me**. And **in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.**' "" Matthew 15:7-9 NKJV
 9. "For **this is the love of God**, that we keep His commandments. And **His commandments are not burdensome.**" I John 5:3 NKJV
 10. **"Come to Me**, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For **My yoke is easy and My burden is light.**"" Matthew 11:28-30 NKJV
 11. "But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, **that your charitable deed may be in secret**; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly." Matthew 6:3-4 NKJV
 12. "But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, **pray to your Father who is in the secret place**; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly." Matthew 6:6 NKJV
 13. "But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, **but to your Father who is in the secret place**; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly." Matthew 6:17-18 NKJV
 14. *"He must increase, but I must decrease."* John 3:30 NKJV
 15. *"In this manner, therefore, pray: **Our Father in heaven**, Hallowed be Your name."* Matthew 6:9 NKJV
 16. "But I want you to know that **the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.**" I Corinthians 11:3 NKJV
 17. "My brethren, **let not many of you become teachers**, knowing that we **shall receive a stricter judgment.**" James 3:1 NKJV
 18. "But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered **rulers over the Gentiles** Lord it over them, and their **great ones exercise authority over them**. Yet it shall **not be so among you**; but whoever **desires to become great** among you shall **be your servant**. And whoever of you **desires to be first shall be slave of all**. For even **the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve**, and to give His life a ransom for many."" Mark 10:42-45 NKJV

19. "After that, He poured water into a basin and began to **wash the disciples' feet**, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "**What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.**" John 13:5-7 NKJV
20. "**So when He had washed their feet**, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "**Do you know what I have done to you?** You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, **you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.** Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. **If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.**" John 13:12-17 NKJV
21. "**Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus**, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. **Therefore God also has highly exalted Him** and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."Philippians 2:5-11 NKJV
22. You go low and God will exalt you! "*Therefore **humble yourselves** under the mighty hand of God, **that He may exalt you** in due time,*" I Peter 5:6 NKJV
23. You go high and God will bring you down! "***How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'** Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.*" Isaiah 14:12-15 NKJV

C. Timeline Timeout!

(1) Let's review recent events so we can see where we are at this moment!

(a) Entry into Jerusalem (the Triumphal Entry)

1. "And **when He had come into Jerusalem**, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" Matthew 21:10 NKJV

(b) That same day in the temple...

1. "Then Jesus **went into the temple** of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and **overturned the tables** of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves." Matthew 21:12 NKJV

(c) The Next day—in the temple

1. "Then He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and He lodged there. **Now in the morning, as He returned to the city**, He was hungry." Matthew 21:17-18 NKJV

2. "Now when **He came into the temple**, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?"
Matthew 21:23 NKJV
3. And it is two days before Passover... *"You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."*Matthew 26:1-2 NKJV

D. Let's reset the stage...

(1) All hypocrisy will be exposed!

(a) Beware the leaven of the Pharisees which is hypocrisy

1. "In the meantime, when an innumerable multitude of people had gathered together, so that they trampled one another, He began to say to His disciples first of all, **"Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known.** Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops."

(b) God's word demands it!

1. "For **the word of God** is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and **is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** And there is **no creature hidden from His sight**, but **all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.**" Hebrews 4:12-13 NKJV

E. If you actually believed Moses, you would believe Y'shua...

(1) You would recognize the Correct Authority Structure

(a) What the seat of Moses SHOULD look like!

1. "For this reason **the Jews persecuted Jesus**, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. But Jesus answered them, **"My Father** has been working until now, and I have been working." Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, **because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.**" John 5:16-18 NKJV

(b) They wanted to Kill Him because He said... *"My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."* John 5:17 NKJV

1. "Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **the Son can do nothing of Himself**, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, **and shows Him all things that He Himself does**; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. **For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.** For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. **He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.**" John 5:19-23 NKJV

(c) The Father has given Y'shua authority to execute judgment, because He sits in the seat of Moses.

1. *"*Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who hears My word and believes** in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, **and shall not come into judgment**, but has passed from death into life. Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour

is coming, and now is, when **the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.** For as the Father has life in Himself, **so He has granted the Son** to have life in Himself, **and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.** Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—**those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.** I can of Myself do nothing. **As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.”** John 5:24-30 NKJV

(d) A better witness than John the Baptist

1. ““If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true. There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true. You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. **Yet I do not receive testimony from man,** but I say these things that you may be saved. He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light. But I have a greater witness than John’s; for **the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me,** that the Father has sent Me. **And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me.** You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.”John 5:31-38 NKJV

(e) You search the Scriptures but you completely miss that all the Scriptures point to Me!

1. **“You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.** But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. “I do not receive honor from men. But I know you, **that you do not have the love of God in you.** I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. **How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?** Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; **there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust.** For **if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.** But **if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”** John 5:39-47 NKJV

ASSAULT ON HYPOCRISY

2. The Eight Woes of the Scribes and Pharisees

A. But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!

(1) The Hypocratisudes (Yes! Another word I made up!)

(a) Hypocrisy at its worst!

1. **“But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** For you devour widows’ houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation. **“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves. **“Woe to you, blind guides,** who say, ‘Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing; but whoever swears by

the gold of the temple, he is obliged to perform it.' Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctifies the gold? And, 'Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is obliged to perform it.' Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift? Therefore he who swears by the altar, swears by it and by all things on it. He who swears by the temple, swears by it and by Him who dwells in it. And he who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by Him who sits on it. **"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel! **"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also. **"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. **"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.' "Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' guilt. **Serpents, brood of vipers!** How can you escape the condemnation of hell? Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation." Matthew 23:13-36 NKJV

B. Hypocratisms vs. Beatitudes

(1) The Eight Woes of the Scribes and Pharisees

(a) But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!

1. **"Blessed are the poor in spirit,** For theirs is the **kingdom of heaven."** Matthew 5:3 NKJV
2. **"Blessed are those who mourn,** For they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4 NKJV
3. **"Blessed are the meek,** For they shall inherit the earth." Matthew 5:5 NKJV
4. Gathering followers! *"For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but **they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.** But **God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,** by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."* Galatians 6:13-14 NKJV
5. **"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,** For they shall be filled." Matthew 5:6 NKJV
6. **Remember:** *"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For **after all these things the Gentiles seek.** For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But **seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and **all these things shall be added to you.**"*** Matthew 6:31-33 NKJV

7. **"Blessed are the merciful,** For they shall obtain mercy." Matthew 5:7 NKJV
8. **Remember:** *"But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' [Hosea 6:6] For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."* Matthew 9:13 NKJV
9. You are so concerned for how you look on the outside that you have completely lost touch with what is really going on in your heart. You prioritize every activity that will polish your look, and your obsession with appearance fuels your willingness to do anything and everything to bolster your self-interest and status. In reality, if you focused on truly giving your heart to God, your outer beauty would have appeared naturally.
10. **"Blessed are the pure in heart,** For they shall see God." Matthew 5:8 NKJV
11. **Remember:** *"But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; **for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.**"* I Samuel 16:7 NKJV
12. **"Blessed are the peacemakers,** For they shall be called sons of God." Matthew 5:9 NKJV
13. *"Now **godliness with contentment** is great gain."* I Timothy 6:6 NKJV
14. *"If it is possible, as much as depends on you, **live peaceably with all men.**"* Romans 12:18 NKJV
15. **"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,** For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **"Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you,** and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. **Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets** who were before you." Matthew 5:10-12 NKJV
16. *"For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, **in bringing many sons to glory,** to make the captain of their salvation **perfect through sufferings.**"* Hebrews 2:10 NKJV
17. *"We must **through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.**"* Acts 14:22 NKJV

FINAL VERDICT

3. Y'shua Laments over Jerusalem

A. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

- (1) You were not willing, so...
 - (a) ...your house is left to you desolate!
 1. *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the **one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her!** How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, **but you were not willing!** See! **Your house is left to you desolate;** for I say to you, **you shall see Me no more** till you say, **'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'**"* Matthew 23:37-39 NKJV

B. Weighed and found wanting

- (1) Performance Evaluation
 - (a) Your seat of authority is over; you have been evaluated as a leader and found inept; your leadership role will now pass on to someone else?
 1. *"And this is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. This is the interpretation of each word. MENE: **God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it;** TEKEL: **You have been weighed in the***

balances, and found wanting; PERES: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.” Daniel 5:25-28 NKJV.

C. Y’shua Laments over Jerusalem

(1) Y’shua’s final evaluation of the religious leaders is the SAME!

(a) I wish the people of my own bloodline would recognize where they come from, repent of their past sins and come under my covering, but I know you won’t!

1. *“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”* (Ps. 118:26)

2. *“Then **the multitudes** who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! **‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’** Hosanna in the highest!”* Matthew 21:9 NKJV

(2) Your house is left to you desolate

(a) You will not escape the judgment of God!

1. *“But we know that the **judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things.** And do you think this, O man, **you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?**”* Romans 2:2-3 NKJV

(b) He will destroy the wicked men and assign His work to others who will produce fruit!

1. *“They said to Him, **“He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.”** Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: **‘The stone which the builders rejected** Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord’s doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes?’ **“Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you [you house left desolate] and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.** And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.”* Matthew 21:41-44 NKJV

(c) *“For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for **he wrote about Me.** But **if you do not believe his writings,** how will you believe My words?”* John 5:46-47 NKJV

1. **Step 1:** *“The whole vision has become to you like **the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one who is literate,** saying, **“Read this, please.”** And he says, **“I cannot, for it is sealed.”** Then the book is delivered to one who is illiterate, saying, **“Read this, please.”** And he says, **“I am not literate.”**”* Isaiah 29:11-12 NKJV

2. **Step 2:** *“Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah [29:13] prophesy about you, saying: ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. **And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.**’ ”* Matthew 15:7-9

3. **Step 3:** *“Therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous work Among this people, A marvelous work and a wonder; **For the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, And the understanding of their prudent men shall be hidden.”** **Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the Lord,** And their works are in the dark; They say, “Who sees us?” and, “Who knows us?””* Isaiah 29:14-15 NKJV

4. **Step 4:** *“In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, And **the eyes of the blind shall see** out of obscurity and out of darkness. **The humble also shall increase their joy in the Lord,** And **the poor among men shall rejoice** In the Holy One of Israel.”* Isaiah 29:18-19 NKJV

D. The Be Attitude!

(1) "Blessed are you..." NOT "Woe to you..."

(a) Eight right attitudes and applications to turn your hypocrititudes into beatitudes!

1. **His Words:** ""**You are the salt of the earth**; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. **"You are the light of the world.** A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **Let your light so shine before men**, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:13-16 NKJV
2. **His Words:** "For I say to you, that unless **your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees**, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:20 NKJV
3. **His Words:** ""**Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth**, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but **lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21 NKJV
4. **His Words:** ""**No one can serve two masters**; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." Matthew 6:24 NKJV!
5. **His Words:** "But **seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness**, and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33 NKJV
6. **His Words:** ""**Enter by the narrow gate**; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. **Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life**, and there are few who find it." Matthew 7:13-14 NKJV
7. **His Words:** ""Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, **but he who does the will of My Father in heaven**. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; **depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!**'" Matthew 7:21-23 NKJV
8. **His Words:** ""Therefore **whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them**, I will liken him to a wise man who **built his house on the rock**: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. "But **everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them**, will be like a foolish man **who built his house on the sand**: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."" Matthew 7:24-27 NKJV