

Matthew 23:1-12

DFH Worship Translation

¹ Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples,

² saying, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit upon the seat of Moses.

³ Therefore do and keep all things whatsoever they might tell you, but do not do according to their deeds; for they are saying and are not doing.

⁴ And they are tying up heavy loads [and hard to bear] and are laying [them] upon the shoulders of men, but they do not wish to move their finger.

⁵ And all their deeds they are doing to be beheld by men; for they are making wide their phylacteries and making long [their] tassels,

⁶ and they like the first place to recline at a feast and the first seat in the synagogues,

⁷ and [they like] the greetings [they receive] in the marketplaces and [they like] to be called Rabbi by men.

⁸ But you should not be called Rabbi, for one is the teacher of you and all of you are brothers.

⁹ And you should not call [anyone] on the earth your father, for one is the heavenly father of you.

¹⁰ Nor should you be called guide because the guide of you is one, the Christ.

¹¹ And the greatest of you will be the deacon of you.

¹² And whoever will lift up himself will be lowered and whoever will lower himself will be lifted up.