

7月至8月的证道主题：“主的事工中更深远的教训（续）”

证道题目：“凡自卑的，必升为高”

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经文：《马太福音 23：5-12》

介绍

1. 继续证道系列 - “主的事工中更深远的教训”
 - a. 学习主耶稣持续不断的事工
 - b. 以门徒的身份学习更深刻的教训
2. 阅《马太福音 23》
 - a. 对文士和法利赛人的一连串责备
 - b. 关于错误和危险行为的重要教训
3. 今天的焦点 - “凡自卑的，必升为高” 《马太福音 23：5-12》

寻求人的称赞的虚伪

1. 主耶稣对文士和法利赛人的观察 《马太福音 23：5》
 - a. 他们一切所做的事，都是要叫人看见
 - b. 他们将佩戴的宗教象征放大，为的是公然显示他们的“虔诚”
 - i. 经文（一个内藏经文的小盒子，佩戴在头上或手臂上）
 - ii. 衣裳的缝子（象征纪念上帝诫命的流苏）
2. 主耶稣进一步的观察 《马太福音 23：6-7》

- a. 他们喜爱坐首座和高位（荣誉席）
 - i. 在筵席上
 - ii. 在会堂里
- b. 他们又喜爱人在街市上问他安，称呼他为：
 - i. “拉比”
 - ii. 意思：老师，夫子，属灵的父
 - iii. 是一个极为尊贵的称呼

谦卑的挑战

1. 不要寻求人的荣耀或称赞 《马太福音 23： 8， 10》
 - a. 不要寻求受他人“拉比”的称呼
 - b. 因为我们只有一位夫子 - 那就是基督
 - c. 我们应该以弟兄相待
2. 将至高的荣耀尊贵归于天父 《马太福音 23： 9》
 - a. 这并不是说我们不能尊重或荣耀别人
 - i. 如老师
 - ii. 如属灵的父 参照《哥林多前书 4： 15》
 - b. 关键是不能把人抬举到与天父同等的地位
3. 要谦卑 《马太福音 23： 11-12》

- a. 基督祂活出“仆人式领导”的榜样 《马太福音 20: 28》
 - i. 人子降世不是要受人服侍
 - ii. 乃是要服侍人
- b. 主对众人的教训
 - i. 要谦卑地侍奉
 - ii. 不要寻求人的称赞或抬高自己
 - iii. 要领受上帝赐给谦卑人的升高

给予大家的鼓励

1. 要谦卑
2. 谦卑地活出和实践我们的信心
3. 寻求上帝赐给谦卑人的升高

Jul-Aug Pulpit Series – “Deeper lessons from the ministry of the Lord (cont)”

Message Title : “He who humbles himself will be exalted”

20 July 2025

Text: Matthew 23:5-12

INTRODUCTION

1. Continuing our Pulpit Series – “Deeper lessons from the ministry of the Lord”
 - a. To study the continuing ministry of the Lord Jesus
 - b. To learn deeper lessons as His disciples
2. Reading Matthew 23

- a. A series of rebukes against the scribes and Pharisees
 - b. Important lessons to learn concerning that which is wrong and dangerous
3. Our focus today – “He who humbles himself will be exalted” Matthew 23:5-12

THE HYPOCRISY OF SEEKING PRAISE FROM MEN

1. The Lord Jesus’ observation of the scribes and Pharisees Matthew 23:5
- a. They did works in order to be seen by men
 - b. They wore enlarged religious symbols with the intent of publicly displaying their “devotion”
 - i. Phylacteries (a small box containing Scripture that is worn on the head or arm)
 - ii. Borders of garments (tassels that were meant to remind them of God’s commandments)
2. A further observation by the Lord Jesus Matthew 23:6-7
- a. They love to be given the best places / seats (places of honor)
 - i. At feasts
 - ii. At synagogues
 - b. They love to be greeted and called by men as
 - i. “Rabbi, Rabbi”
 - ii. Meaning: teacher, master, spiritual father
 - iii. It was a term of high regard and honor

THE CHALLENGE TO BE HUMBLE

1. To not seek honor or praise from men Matthew 23:8, 10
- a. To not seek to be called “rabbi” by others
 - b. For there is only One Teacher for all – that is the Christ
 - c. We ought to regard each other as brethren

2. To give the highest glory and honor to God the Father Matthew 23:9
 - a. It is not to say that we cannot regard and honor others
 - i. As teachers
 - ii. As spiritual fathers cf. 1 Corinthians 4:15
 - b. The issue here is to not elevate man to the same level as our Heavenly Father
3. To be humble Matthew 23:11-12
 - a. Christ Himself exemplified Servant-Leadership Matthew 20:28
 - i. The Son of Man did not come to be served
 - ii. But to serve
 - b. The Lord's Word to all
 - i. To serve humbly
 - ii. To not seek praise from men or exalt oneself
 - iii. To receive the exaltation that God would give to the humble

ENCOURAGEMENT TO US ALL

1. To humble oneself
2. To live and practice our faith humbly
3. To seek the exaltation that comes from God