

Condemning Counterfeit Worship

MATTHEW 23:13-36

Without the heart it is not worship; it is a stage play; an acting a part without being that person really a hypocrite. We may truly be said to worship God-though we lack perfection; but we cannot be said to worship Him if we lack sincerity.

-Stephen Charnock

Counterfeit Worship...

I. Excludes from the Kingdom

II. Excuses Sin

III. Exalts the Unimportant

IV. Is Externally Driven

V. Expels the Truth

VI. Brings Eternal Judgment

Application

3. Jesus challenged the hypocrisy of the Pharisees for swearing oaths and making promises only to break them with excuses and technical loopholes. What does the Bible tell us about making and keeping our promises? (Psalm 15:1-4, Matthew 5:33-37, James 5:12)

For your Families

4. Talk with your children about the importance of keeping our word when we promise something.