

***Study Guide on Matthew 23:1-4, 23-26***  
**New American Standard Bible**

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.  
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

(Matthew 23:1) Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to His disciples,

(Matthew 23:2) saying: “The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses;

(Matthew 23:3) therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say things and do not do them.

(Matthew 23:4) “They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men’s shoulders, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with so much as a finger.

(Matthew 23:23) “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.

(Matthew 23:24) “You blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!

(Matthew 23:25) “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence.

(Matthew 23:26) “You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also.”

**Write the verse or verses you have been assigned below.**

**Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study**

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?