

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

MATTHEW



Proof of the Anticipated

M E S S I A H

A MISGUIDED VIEW OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Matthew 23:23-39

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- I. They misunderstood what needed to be their priority. (vv. 23-24)
 - A. They focused on the law's fine print.
 - B. They neglected far more important matters.

**II. They misunderstood what it means to be clean.
(vv. 25-26)**

A. They were diligent in their method.

B. They were defiled in their motivation.

**III. They were deceived by their own appearance.
(vv. 27-28)**

A. The righteousness they had amounted to a paint job.

B. The righteousness they needed required a renovation.

IV. Time would reveal the reality about their righteousness. (vv. 29-36)

A. They acknowledged the unrighteousness of past generations.

B. They denied that they would ever go down that road.

C. They would be condemned by their own words.

V. There was lament over the current state. (vv. 37-39)

A. The rejection of the truth.

B. The rejection of His love.