Matthew 23 Study Guide

READ. Jesus approved of one thing the Pharisees did. What was it?

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Through this chapter-long rebuke of the Pharisees and religious rulers several words describing the Pharisees occur over and over. Find them in the text of Matthew 23 in *Messiah: The Story of Jesus According to Matthew* or in the version of the Bible you regularly read. Write them here.

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WRITE. This chapter is a good warning to us about living what we believe. And the truth is almost all of us fail to do that in some area of our lives. Use the space below to write a personal spiritual journal entry thinking about how you are doing in living what you believe.

A spiritual journal is your thoughts and reactions to what you are reading. You are sharing these thought s with God and with yourself. You may ask questions – and attempt to answer them as God leads your thinking. You may confess your failures. You may express your thankfulness. You may praise God. You might even complain. **This is personal.** No one needs to read what you write unless you wish.

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