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The face of hypocrisy and Legalism

Why are the pharisees dangerous?

•How to overcome hypocrisy and legalism?

The Passion Week

Matthew 21-27

Key events during Jesus' final week

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Crowds cheer Jesus' entry to Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) 21:1-11	Jesus angers leaders by throwing vendors out of the temple 21:12-46	Jesus confronts the hypocrisy of the Jewish leaders 23–25	Judas bribed to betray Jesus 26:14–16	The Last Supper; Judas betrays Jesus; Peter denies Jesus 26:17-75	Jesus' crucifix- ion; the chief priests rally the people to chant, "Crucify him!" 27	
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SCRIBES AND PHARISEES

Hebrew "Perushim" Meaning Separated One



HYPOCRITE

- Greek: Hupokrites A Play Actor; Someone who Hide Behind a mask
- Hupo "Under"; Krino "To Judge"
- : a person who puts on a false appearance of virtue or religion. 2 : a person who acts in contradiction to his or her stated beliefs or feelings.
- Occurs 15 times in Matthew; 7 times in chapter 23

Hypocrisy in Action...



Source: https://www.jesuschristformuslims.com/tag/judging-and-condemning-others/

LEGALISM

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 - 5.1.8 Grinding
 - <u>5.1.9 Sifting</u>
 - 5.1.10 Kneading/amalgamation
 - 5.1.11 Cooking/baking

- 5.2 The Order of Garments 5.2.1 Shearing
- 5.2.2 Scouring/laundering
- 5.2.3 Carding/combing wool
- <u>5.2.4 Dyeing</u>
- 5.2.5 Spinning
- 5.2.6 Warping
- 5.2.7 Making two loops/threading heddles
- <u>5.2.8 Weaving</u>
- 5.2.9 Separating two threads
- <u>5.2.10 Tying</u>
- <u>5.2.11 Untying</u>
- <u>5.2.12 Sewing</u>
- <u>5.2.13 Tearing</u>



"But we've never used a ram's horn in worship before!"



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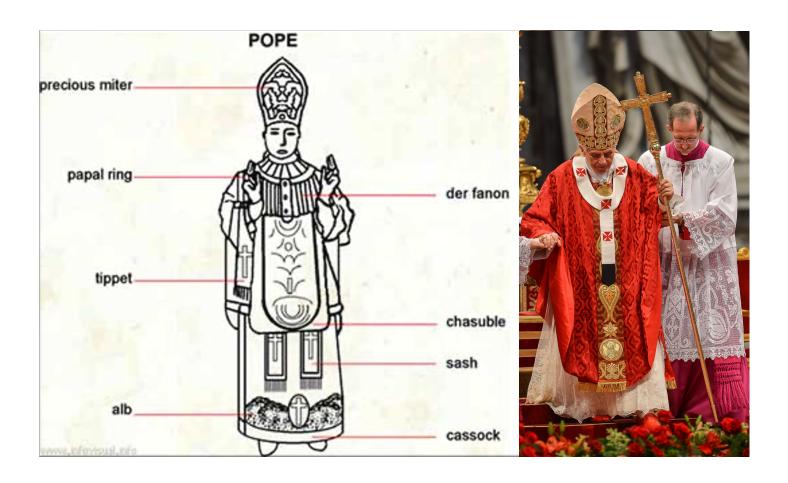


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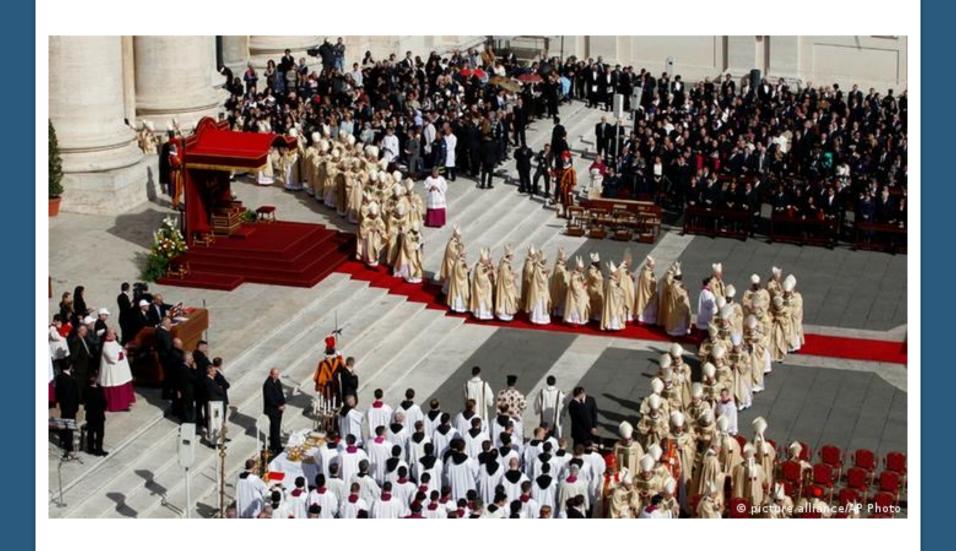
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- ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.
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 Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.
- ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.
- ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.



- God (Num. 15:40).
- ³⁹You will have these tassels to look at and so you will remember all the commands of the LORD, that you may obey them and not prostitute yourselves by chasing after the lusts of your own hearts and eyes. ⁴⁰Then you will remember to obey all my commands and will be consecrated to your God.



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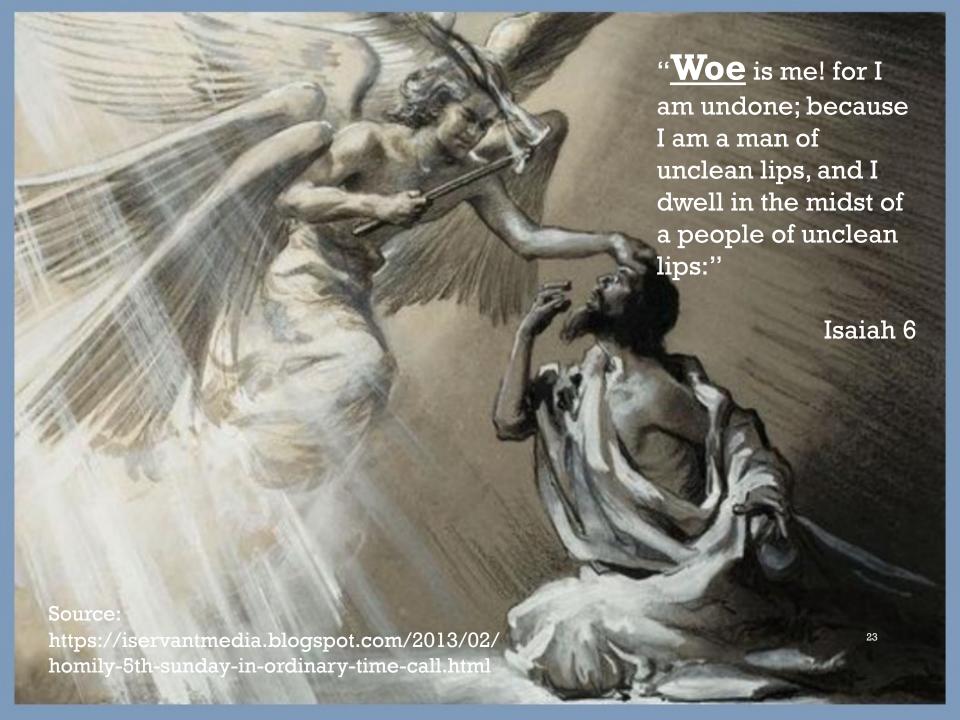
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Matthew 16:6





HEBREW ROOTS CORE BELIEFS

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- Believe the Greek text of the Bible is corrupted
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 - Keep the Sabbath,
 - Celebrate Jewish Feasts,
 - Observe Dietary laws
- Christmas and Easter are paganistic!

Romans 6: 14

"¹⁴ For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace."

Romans 7:4-6

"So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. ⁵ For when we were in the realm of the flesh, ^[a] the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death. ⁶ But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

Galatians 5:18

¹³You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh^[a]; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

PAUL TO THE GALATIANS...

¹¹When Cephas (Peter) came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³ The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

Galatians 2:11-13

"PROSPERITY GOSPEL"?





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• "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age". (Titus 2:11-12)

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I have a prayer request

