

Who is YOUR King?!!?

Faithful Fathering

Matthew 23:16-22

Introduction: *The pandemic of self-deception:*

- “blind guides” (v. 16)
- “fools” (vv. 17, 19; cf. 5:22)

The deceitfulness of sin obscures . . .

Cultural background:

- “swearing by ___” = publicly obligating . . .
- oath-keeping guidelines:
Lev. 19:11-13 –
Eccl. 5:4-5 –

The Pharisees’ self-deceived practices:

- Swear by things that . . .
- Swear . . .

Jesus Christ’s corrective instruction (cf. 5:37):

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Applications for us:

- God’s standard:
 - a) _____ integrity
 - b) _____ integrity
 - c) _____ integrity
 - d) _____ integrity
 - e) _____ integrity
- God’s solution: (Matt. 26:72; Heb. 6:13)

Our response: