



Daily Reflections

August 30, 2017

Scripture

Matthew 23: 27-32

Jesus said,

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites.

You are like whitewashed tombs, which appear beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of dead men's bones and every kind of filth.

Even so, on the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing.

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites.

You build the tombs of the prophets

and adorn the memorials of the righteous,

and you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our ancestors,

we would not have joined them in shedding the prophets' blood.'

Thus you bear witness against yourselves

that you are the children of those who murdered the prophets;

now fill up what your ancestors measured out!"

Our Scripture Reflection

The Pharisees had earned the wrath of Jesus because as religious leaders they had focused on self-concern rather than concern for God and their people. Their secular focus cost them any respect that Jesus might have given them.

Food for your Journey

If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.

—C.S. Lewis.

God's hard instructions are never his last words to us, for the woe, the waste and the tears of life belong to its interlude, not its finale.

—F.B. Meyer.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Your ways are not the ways of the world. Help me to seek at all times the path that You have set out for me and to walk Your path faithfully. Amen.