



# Daily Reflections

## August 26, 2020

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### 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!”

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### Our Scripture Reflection

Jesus used some very harshly strong words against His adversaries, the Scribes and Pharisees. Was He wrong in doing so? Please remember, Jesus was the sinless Savior of the world. The Scribes and Pharisees were entrenched in their lifestyle. Their egos were huge and many in their audience propped them up. Jesus wanted to convert them, to save them and He knew it would take dynamite-powered words to do so. He would not stop trying because He loved them. He would pay dearly for His love of them.

# **Food for your Journey**

Televangelists Paul and Jan Crouch purchased a Newport Beach palatial mansion "with ocean and city views" for close to \$5 million. Jan told a reporter they moved because they needed "a larger yard for our dogs."

-"Home sweet home," The Door,  
January-February 2002, 42.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Lord Jesus, I can be so hard-hearted and stubborn when it comes to having MY way. At times I actually act as though I am in control. When I do I usually end up being humbled, if only temporarily. Lord, please continue to speak to my heart. Give me the Grace to change so that I may, once and for all, show my gratitude for Your love. Amen