

**Valley Bible Church  
Sermon Notes for August 2, 1987**

**False Spiritual Leaders  
Part 2  
Matthew 23:1-12  
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Outline of Matthew 23

A call to the people to be careful (vv.1-12)  
Condemnation of the religious leaders (vv. 13-38)  
Jesus' words of pity (vv. 33-39)

Introduction: Throughout the book of Jeremiah, God speaks of the false prophets. False teachers have always been a problem.

Lacking six essentials of true spiritual leadership.

1. Lacked authority, they had seated themselves in the place of authority.
2. Lacked intensity, they are two-faced hypocrite's. They did not live what they taught.
3. Lacked power, there is no power in the flesh to overcome evil.
4. Lacked sympathy, put heavy burdens on the people but they themselves did not lift a finger.
5. Lacked true spirituality, want to be seen by men, want to make a good showing (Jude 19).
6. Lacked humility, self-righteous! See themselves as being righteous, focused on themselves.