

# Salvation From Self-Promotion

Matthew 23:1-12 NIV

## THE PROBLEM: SELF-EXALTING \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 23:5-7 NIV** *Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; <sup>6</sup> they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; <sup>7</sup> they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called 'Rabbi' by others.*

## THE PRESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ SERVICE TO BOTH GOD AND NEIGHBOR

**Matthew 23:2-4 NIV** *The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. <sup>3</sup> So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. <sup>4</sup> They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.*

**Matthew 23:8-10 NIV** *But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. <sup>9</sup> And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. <sup>10</sup> Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah.*

## THE PROMISE: THE HUMBLE WITH BE EXALTED \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 23:11 NIV** *The greatest among you will be your servant. <sup>12</sup> For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.*

**1 Peter 5:6 NIV** *Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.*

## THE PATTERN: THE HUMILITY OF \_\_\_\_\_

**Philippians 2: 5-8 NIV** *In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made himself in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!*

## THE POWER: ALL WHO ARE IN CHRIST ARE \_\_\_\_\_ EXALTED WITH HIM

**Ephesians 2:5-8 NIV** *But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.*

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**Things to note as you listen:**

**I never knew:**

**I was reminded:**

**I still want to know:**

**Something I should change:**

**A biblical truth I could share:**

**A key verse:**

**My prayer response (repentance/thanks/praise):**