



*The Pretenders #3*

# Bully

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**13** “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from people; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. **14** Woe to you, scribes and

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Pharisees, hypocrites, because you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense you make long prayers; therefore you will receive greater condemnation. **15** "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you travel around on sea and land



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to make one proselyte; and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves. **16**

“Woe to you, blind guides, who say, ‘Whoever swears by the temple, that is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold



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of the temple is obligated.' **17** You fools and blind men! Which is more important, the gold or the temple that sanctified the gold? **18** And, 'Whoever swears by the altar, that is nothing, but whoever swears by the offering on it, he is obligated.'

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**19** You blind men, which is more important, the offering, or the altar that sanctifies the offering? **20** Therefore, whoever swears by the altar, swears both by the altar and by everything on it. **21** And whoever swears by the temple,



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swears both by the temple and by Him who dwells within it. **22** And whoever swears by heaven, swears both by the throne of God and by Him who sits upon it. **23** “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and





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cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others. **24** You blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow



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a camel! **25** “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence. **26** You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the

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dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also. **27** “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men’s bones and all





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uncleanness. **28** So you, too, outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

**29** “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments



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of the righteous, **30** and say, 'If we had been living in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' **31** So you testify against yourselves, that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.

- a* Woe #1 – Shutting off the Kingdom
- b* Woe #2 – Making Proselytes
- c* Woe #3 – Oaths and the Temple
- d* Woe #4 – Weightier Matters
- c* Woe #5 – Outside of the Cup
- b* Woe #6 – Whitewashed Tombs
- a* Woe #7 – Those Who Murdered Prophets

*a* Woe #1 – The Kingdom

*b* Woe #2 – Discipleship

*c* Woe #3 – Scripture

*d* Woe #4 – Faithfulness

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*a* Woe #7 – The Kingdom



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