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# MATTHEW | AMEN Bible Study 2021

## Relationship vs. Rules

Matthew 23:1-39

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*Because Jesus is full of grace, we must turn from rules to a relationship.*

### I. The Rules of Shame (13-36)

First Woe: *They shut the Kingdom from* \_\_\_\_\_

Antidote: *Repent of* \_\_\_\_\_

Second Woe: *They make converts* \_\_\_\_\_

Antidote: *Repent of* \_\_\_\_\_

Third Woe: *They value gold* \_\_\_\_\_

Antidote: *See* \_\_\_\_\_

Fourth Woe: *They obey the letter but* \_\_\_\_\_

Antidote: *Repent of* \_\_\_\_\_

Fifth Woe: *They clean the outside but* \_\_\_\_\_

Antidote: *Repent of treating people* \_\_\_\_\_

Sixth Woe: *They are* \_\_\_\_\_

Antidote: *Repent of* \_\_\_\_\_

Seventh Woe: *They lack* \_\_\_\_\_

Antidote: *Believe the Gospel* \_\_\_\_\_

### II. The Relationship of Love (23:1-12, 37-39)

Only one \_\_\_\_\_

Only God \_\_\_\_\_

## Discussion Questions

### *Knowing*

1. How does what Jesus taught immediately before and after chapter 23 shape our understanding of 23:1-39? In other words, how does the context help us interpret our text?
2. What is the distinction Jesus is making between the laws of hypocrites and “weightier matters of law” in vv. 23-24?

### *Being*

1. What difference should it make to our hearts that only Christ is our “instructor”? (v. 10)
2. What were some hypocritical motives exposed in your heart by the seven woes?

### *Doing*

1. How should knowing Jesus loves you motivate your obedience to him?
2. How should Jesus’ emphasis on a loving relationship over rules of shame shape the way you lead others in your home or work?