
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?