

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1318: What Did Jesus Really Think of the Pharisees? (Part I)

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See:



1. Discuss the following: Define terms and expand on Matthew 23:1-5
 - a. The scribes
 - b. The Pharisees
 - c. The chair of Moses – what was the importance of this?
 - d. How did Jesus' lifestyle compare? (Matthew 11:28-30)
 - e. What is the ideal? What do you need to work on to get closer to the ideal? (Matthew 23:11-12)
2. What is the definition of "woe"? How is it being used in these examples? What is Jesus' attitude? Does this surprise you? Explain. What did Jesus really think of the Pharisees? (Jeremiah 23:1-2, Matthew 23:13, 24:19, Luke 6:24-25, John 3:16-17)
3. **Woe #1: Matthew 23:13**
 - a. Why did Jesus call the scribes and Pharisees hypocrites?
 - i. How does the parable of the Prodigal Son illustrate hypocrisy? Discuss the meaning. (Luke 15:8-32)
 - ii. Relate **Jeremiah 23:1-2** and **Ezekiel 34:1-2** to the scribes and Pharisees.
 - b. What is the kingdom of God or the kingdom of heaven? (Luke 17:21)
 - c. How did the scribes and Pharisees shut the door of the kingdom of heaven? (John 10:7-9, Luke 17:21)
 - d. How do **Matthew 24:19** and **Luke 6:24-25** illustrate Jesus' feeling about those to whom he proclaims, Woe?
4. **Contrasting Beatitude: Matthew 5:3**
 - a. What is the deeper meaning of the word Beatitude?
 - b. How does the first **woe** contrast with the first **beatitude**? (1 Peter 5:5-6)
 - c. Are you practicing humility rather than hypocrisy in your dealings with the household of faith?
5. **Woe #2: Matthew 23:15**
 - a. What was the second woe? How did it build on the first? (Ezekiel 34:3-4)
 - b. Who did the scribes and Pharisees really emulate? (John 8:38-45)
6. **Contrasting Beatitude: Matthew 5:4**
 - a. What does the word "mourn" mean? What did Jesus mourn? (Matthew 23:37-39)
 - b. How does the second **woe** contrast with the second **beatitude**?
 - c. Are you mourning the damage Satan through sin has done to mankind, including yourself? (Psalms 40:1-3)
7. **Woe #3: Matthew 23:16-22, 15:14**
 - a. What is the third woe? How did the scribes and Pharisees complicate the Law?
 - b. What was the end result of these complicated rules and casuistry? (Isaiah 56:10-12, John 9:24-41)
8. **Contrasting Beatitude: Matthew 5:5**
 - a. What does the word "gentle" mean? What are all the aspects of this character trait? (2 Timothy 2:24-25)
 - b. How does the third **woe** contrast with the third **beatitude**?
 - c. Are you following Jesus' gentle, patient kindness to others? Are you teachable?
 - d. Would you have loved the Pharisees?