

The Gospel of Matthew

Bible Study – Examination, Exposition, and Application

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- ▶ V. 34-46 – A Query of Questions
 - ▶ Pharisees vs Jesus –
 - ▶ Lawyer: greatest command
 - ▶ Jesus' answer: *Shama* (Deut. 6:5) and Lev. 19:18
 - ▶ Jesus' question: Whose son is the Messiah? (David/God)
 - ▶ The Son of David (2 Samuel 7:12–17; Psalm 89:29–37)
 - ▶ What about Psalm 110:1? Who is David addressing in the Spirit? "The Lord said to my Lord..." Speechless!
- ▶ 23:1-6 – The Woes of the Pharisees
 - ▶ The Seat of Moses –chair of honor with "ex cathedra authority" in the synagogue for the teacher of the law (chair of Peter; Acts 15:7) – Authoritative Text vs Interpret.

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- ▶ 23:1-36 – The Woes (Indictment) of the Pharisees
 - ▶ v. 1-12 – Minute matters: phylacteries (Hb. *Tefillin*), fringes (Hb. *Tzitzit*), places of honor, recognition, titles
 - ▶ v. 13-14 – Locking the Doors to the Kingdom of God
 - ▶ v. 15 - Evangelize – Lead people away from God
 - ▶ v. 16-22 – Blind Guides...swearing oaths (Ex. 30:29)
 - ▶ v. 23-24 – Tithing vs. justice, mercy, and faith
 - ▶ v. 25-26 – Cleanliness outside and inside
 - ▶ v. 27-28 – Whitewashed tombs (avert contamination)
 - ▶ v. 29-32 – Honoring the Martyrs You Killed (2 Chr. 24)

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- ▶ 23:1-36 – The Woes (Indictment) of the Pharisees
 - ▶ v. 33-36 Brood of Vipers (John the Baptist: 3:7; 12:34)
 - ▶ Prophets, sages, and scribes (martyrs)
 - ▶ Blood: Abel (Gen. 4:8) to Zechariah (2 Chr. 24)
 - ▶ Generational responsibility
- ▶ 23:37-39 – Lament over Jerusalem
 - ▶ City that kills the prophets (stoning)
 - ▶ How often – repeated attempts
 - ▶ Desolate house (1 Kgs. 9:7; Jer. 12:7; 22:5)

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