

SBCC Daily On-Line Bible Study

Take time to read the selected passage and respond to the questions below. Allow God to draw near to you as you go deeper in His Word. Spend some time in prayer as you prepare to apply the Spirit's teaching to your daily life.

March 27, 2021 Seven Woes - [Matthew 23:1-39](#)

Open It

1. What topic(s) or situations really get you upset?
2. What is the worst name or label that someone could pin on you?
3. Why do some people object to "organized religion"?

Explore It

4. To whom was Jesus speaking? ([23:1](#))
5. About whom was Jesus speaking? ([23:2](#))
6. Of what did Jesus accuse the religious leaders? ([23:3](#))
7. What motivation did Jesus say governed the behavior of the Pharisees? ([23:5-7](#))
8. What eternal destiny did Jesus pronounce on religious hypocrites? ([23:13](#))
9. What are some of the names Jesus used to describe the respected, powerful, national leaders of Israel—the Pharisees? ([23:13](#), [15-16](#), [27](#), [33](#))
10. What did Jesus say about the Pharisees' evangelism? ([23:15](#))
11. What kind of picky man-made traditions did Jesus accuse the religious leaders of following blindly? ([23:16-22](#))
12. What evidence of twisted priorities among the religious elite did Jesus give? ([23:23-26](#))
13. What analogies did Jesus use to show that Israel's religious leaders were more interested in external credentials than internal character? ([23:25-28](#))
14. How did Jesus argue that the Pharisees had failed to learn the lessons of Israel's history? ([23:29-36](#))
15. Because of her awful leadership, how did Jesus lament over Jerusalem? ([23:37](#))

Get It

16. How can a spiritual leader affect his or her followers?
17. What kinds of nitpicky rules and regulations tend to blind us to more serious sins?
18. In what ways do people sometimes fake the Christian life?
19. What are some of the dangers of having a "checklist" of dos and don'ts that go beyond God's written Word?
20. What temptations are faced by those in positions of spiritual authority?
21. Which feeling best describes how you view non-Christians: sadness or anger?
22. In what area(s) have you been failing to practice what you preach?
23. How would you reach out to someone who has become embittered by religious hypocrites or empty religion?

Apply It

24. What attitudes or "matters of the heart" do you need to confess to God today so that your inside looks as good as your outside?
25. What could you do to help a young Christian grow stronger this week?
26. What older, more mature Christian can you spend time with this week to seek advice and wisdom?