

When Jesus Says, "Woe to You!"

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 22:41-46*

Introduction:

- A. Seven times in *Matthew 23* Jesus pronounces "woe" on the scribes and Pharisees of his day.
- B. "Woe" is grievous distress, affliction, or trouble. It is an exclamation of grief or lamentation.
- C. Using *Matthew 23* as a type of mirror for self-examination, Jesus will say "woe" to me...

I. If I preach, but do not _____ (23:3).

II. If I expect more of _____ than I am willing to do (23:4).

III. If I do all my deeds to be _____ by others (23:5).

IV. If I _____ myself (23:5-12).

V. If I serve as a _____ at the entrance of the kingdom of heaven (23:13-15).

VI. If I am blinded by human _____ and worldly _____ (23:16-22).

VII. If I neglect the _____ matters of God's expectations (23:23-24).

VIII. If I am _____ and _____ on the inside (23:25-28).

IX. If I am confronted with _____ and refuse to respond (23:29-36).

Conclusion:

- A. The "good news" of Jesus Christ is that it is not too late! (*Matthew 23:37-39*)
- B. For those who are willing to respond to God's grace, the opportunity stands (*1 Peter 3:18-22*).