

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — January 22, 2023

Sermon Notes

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[Matthew 23:1-7](#)

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[Matthew 23:8-12](#)

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Overview of Matthew 23

Warnings Against Hypocrisy:

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Seven Woes Against Religious Leaders:

[Matthew 23:13-36](#)

Wailings Over Jerusalem:

[Matthew 23:37-39](#)

What is the meaning of the exclamation “*Oy Vey!*”?

The First Woe — [Matthew 23:13](#)

What is the main charge Jesus pronounces on the teachers of the law and the Pharisees?

Are we making a relationship with God more complex than it really needs to be?

The Second Woe — [Matthew 23:15](#)

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The Third Woe — [Matthew 23:16-22](#)

Jesus asks a rhetorical question in order to demonstrate their spiritual blindness. What was this question?

Are we consistent in speaking words that are true and bring God's blessings to those around us?

The Fourth Woe — [Matthew 23:23-24](#)

The Pharisees took their religiosity to a higher level by tithing the smallest of things which were what?

Have we been sidetracked by lesser important matters to the neglect of more important ones?

The Fifth Woe — [Matthew 23:25-26](#)

Even while admitting our imperfections, is our inner-life consistent with our outer-life?

The Sixth Woe — [Matthew 23:27-28](#)

Are we more concerned about form or substance?

The Seventh Woe— [Matthew 23:29-36](#)

Are we merely continuing some bad decisions by forefathers (even our own families), or are we evaluating our relationship with God for ourselves?

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