



## Matthew - Series Study Sheet

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### Chapter 22      The Wedding Banquet

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We read about the guests being bidden to a wedding. Not only do they refuse to go but treat the king's servants badly to the point of slaying them. The king's reaction is violent both this time and later when he finds a guest without a wedding garment. Read the following verses and describe how this parable might apply to us and our responses to God today (Read Romans 10:21, John 5:40, Proverbs 9:1-2, Rev 22:17, Luke 19:27, Rev 16:15, Colossians 2:10-11, Rev. 21:27)

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### Paying Taxes

(Read Matthew 22:21 and 1 Peter 2:13-17)

How can we apply the advice of Jesus about taxes to other areas of our life today?

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### Christ The Son of David

Read Matthew 22:41-45, Hebrews 10:12-13, 1Corinthians 15:25, Revelation 22:15. What point do you think Jesus was making when he asked "If David then call him (Christ) Lord, how is he his son?"

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## Chapter 23

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We see a continuation of a theme from the previous chapter that we must “be subject to the powers that be”. Read Romans 13:16, Acts 5:29 and Acts 6:10.

**Can you think of any examples of when being subject to authorities might conflict with obeying God? At what point should we draw the line?**

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### The 8 Woes

*For each of the 8 woes think of how Jesus’ criticism of the scribes and Pharisees would apply to us today.*

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#### Woe 1. You do not enter the Kingdom and prevent others entering

[13] But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. see also Ezekiel 34:17

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#### Woe 2. defraud widows of their houses & make long prayers for a show

[14] Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. See also Matthew 6:5

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### **Woe 3. make pagan converts worse than themselves**

[15] Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. Read Romans 10:1-4, Psalm 127

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### **Woe 4. blind guides**

- swearing by the temple or the gold of the temple
- swearing by the altar or the gift on the altar
- swearing by the throne of God or swearing by God

Read Matthew 5:34

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### **Woe 5. tithe insignificant things but omit law, judgement, mercy and faith**

Read Micah 6:8

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### **Woe 6. clean on the outside but not the inside & Woe 7. appear righteous but full of hypocrisy and iniquity**

eg Read Acts 23:1-3

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### **Woe 8. say you would not have killed the prophets but will persecute and kill Jesus and his disciples**

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