



“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You pay a tenth of mint, dill, and cumin, and yet you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy, and faithfulness. These things should have been done without neglecting the others. Blind guides! You strain out a gnat, but gulp down a camel!”

Matthew 23:23,24

Jesus's Rebukes of the Scribes & Pharisees:

Sought to teach and lead, but failed to hold to their own teachings. (23:2-12)

Continually kept people from the kingdom of heaven by trying to discredit Jesus and demanding adherence to their own traditions. (23:13-15)

Contradicted God's Law creating loopholes that would allow for concessions. (23:16-22)

Gave strict adherence to portions of Law while neglecting more important matters. (23:23,24)

Behaved as if holy and righteous, but they were filled with hatred and contempt. (23:25-36)

Matthew 23:23,24



BALANCING LAW & LOVE

Matthew 23:23,24

Church Type #1: All Love & No Law (Revelation 2)

Pergamum — Held to teachings of Balaam & Nicolaitans.
(2:14-16)

Thyatira — Tolerated the woman Jezebel. (2:20)

Church Type #2: All Law & No Love (Revelation 2)

Ephesus — Abandoned the love they had at first. (2:4,5)

Church Type #3: Committed to the Law With A Heart Of Love

This imitates exactly who Jesus was and is.

This approach will help guide us in
the way the God would have to go
in many different areas.

This approach brings two often
opposing sides together.

