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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO

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SCRIPTURE READING: **MATTHEW 6:10-21**

Matthew 6:19-21, Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

1. BACKGROUND

- a. The **Gospel of Matthew** was written primarily to the Nation Israel.
- b. It was first written in Hebrew, the author being Matthew in 50 to 70 AD.
- c. It was directed primarily to the religious men of that time.
- d. Matthew presents the program of God as it relates to the Kingdom of Heaven.
- e. The Kingdom of Heaven is the theme of this Gospel.
- f. The One who is going to establish that Kingdom on earth is the Lord Jesus Christ.
- g. The **Gospel of Matthew** contains three major discourses concerning the Kingdom of Heaven.
- h. The Sermon on the Mount looks back into the **past**. It is the Law of the Kingdom.
- i. The Mystery Parables contained in **Matthew Chapter 13** reveal the condition of the Kingdom of Heaven in the world during the **present** age in which we live.
- j. Our Lord tells us the Kingdom of Heaven is like a sower, like a mustard seed, like leaven, and so on.
- k. The Olivet Discourse looks at the **future** to the return of the King and the things beyond this Age.
- l. We do not go to the **Book of Matthew** to obtain our church doctrine.
- m. It is contained in other passages of scripture, primarily **Romans** thru **Philemon**. We must remember we are commanded to continue steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine. **Acts 2:42, And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.** **Jude 1:17, But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ:**
- n. Remember, the Kingdom of Heaven and the Church are not the same.
- o. It is important to know Matthew in order to understand the Bible.
- p. Some themes in the **Book of Matthew** are:
 1. Jesus came to save both the Jews and the Gentiles.
 2. There is one true God, but expressed in three persons, the Trinity; God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. **1 John 5:7, For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.**
 3. The standards of God are high, but the examples he gave us in Jesus Christ are perfect.
 4. **Christ is sufficient for whatever needs the Christian or believer may have. 2 Corinthians 12:9, And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Colossians 2:10, And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:**
 5. The ways of God are infinitely higher than the ways of the world or man. **Isaiah 55:8, For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.**
 6. Jesus willingly laid down His life to redeem a sinful world with His perfect and acceptable sacrifice unto God. It is only the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ that can revive the dead soul of mankind. **John 3:16, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that**

whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Galatians 4:4, But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, Hebrews 10:12, But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; John 10:18, No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. We must remember the Lord Jesus came the first time to save the Soul. At his second coming he will redeem the body. Hebrews 10:39, But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. James 5:20, Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Please refer to the October 17, 2021 Morning Message for the Introduction.

3. SEVEN POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

i. Thy kingdom come.

1. **Matthew 6:10, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.**
2. There is no question one of these days the Lord Jesus Christ will assume the throne of David. That is what the entire book of **Matthew** is all about.
3. As we make application to the church; we must realize the Lord Jesus Christ is coming back again to set up His kingdom and the saints will rule and reign with Him a thousand years. **Revelation 20:6, Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.**

j. Give us this day our daily bread.

1. **Matthew 6:11, Give us this day our daily bread.**
2. What He tells us is for us to depend on Him for our sustenance.
3. **Matthew 6:25, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?**
4. He provides all the necessities for us. He will never leave us nor forsake us. **Hebrews 13:5, Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.**
5. He told us if He provides for the sparrows, He will also provide for us. He tells us to be careful for nothing. That is be anxious for nothing. **Philippians 4:6, Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.**
6. This is truly a prayer that believers can utter.
7. I do not believe it is to be considered the Lord's prayer it is indeed the disciple's and believer's prayer. The Lord's prayer is contained in **John chapter 17.**
8. The Lord could never pray what the next point says.

k. And forgive us our debts.

1. **Matthew 6:12, And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**
2. The Lord Jesus Christ had no debt.
3. There was no sin Him. **2 Corinthians 5:21, For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**
4. **And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.** – We must avoid a legalistic interpretation when considering this passage.
5. **Ephesians 4:32, And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.**
6. We have no right to treat anyone except with dignity and respect.
7. Regardless of what their status or position might be; we need to know that loyalty is a two-way street.
8. The Lord Jesus Christ has redeemed us from all sin, past, present and future. He tells us that He forgives our debts and we in turn should forgive others.

9. We should not read this as saying if we don't forgive others, He will not forgive us. The Lord has never said that our salvation was conditional depending on what we do or what we do not. We must remember our salvation is based on an unconditional covenant guaranteed by God's promises. Everything required to go to Heaven has already been done by THE SON. **1 Peter 1:4, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,**
10. He does tell us that in order to have true fellowship we need to be in fellowship with our fellow believers around us. As a matter of fact, we are to confess our faults one to another. **James 5:16, Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.**
11. We should come to God with a pure heart. **Hebrews 10:22, Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.**

I. And lead us not into temptation.

1. **Matthew 6:13, And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**
2. Now we know the Lord does not tempt any man; we made that point several Sundays ago. **James 1:13, Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:**
3. We are not to be led off into temptation. **Psalms 119:11, Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.**
4. We must understand when we hide the Word of God in our heart we are being conformed to the image of His Son. **Romans 8:29, For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Joshua 1:8-9, This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. 9: Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.**
5. We are not predestinated to be saved or lost; but to be like God's Son.
6. **deliver us from evil** – As said before – if you have the Word of God in your heart, the believe can resist the devil since the Word of God is the only thing Satan respects. He knows what the true and Preserved Word of God is. **Psalms 119:9-11, Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. 10: With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. 11: Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee Psalms 119:89, For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.**
7. **For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.** – We need to give the Lord Jesus Christ His rightful place. We need to realize He occupies three offices. Prophet – when He walked the face of the earth; Priest – as He sits at the right hand of the Father; and King of kings as He occupies the throne of David to whom He promised that to his kingdom there will never be an end.
8. The Lord's prayer is contained in **John chapter 17.** This is the disciple's prayer – a model prayer.
9. If we respect it, it will keep us on the straight and narrow.
10. The Lord now moves to another very important point: fasting.

m. Moreover when ye fast.

1. **Matthew 6:16, Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.**
2. I do believe fasting is something that believers should consider doing.
3. I do not believe it to be a public matter.
4. I have come across people who say "our entire church is fasting" or "I'm fasting."
5. When they utter those words, according to this verse, they have their reward because they are seeking favor of men and women.
6. Fasting, like giving, should be a personal matter.
7. This should be between the believer and God.

8. **they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.** – Are we looking for rewards from men or from our Heavenly Father?

n. When thou fastest.

1. **Matthew 6:17-18, But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; 18: That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.**
2. We can see right off that fasting is something that should be done in secret.
3. Effective prayer is to be done in secret; almsgiving should also be done in secret.
4. When this is done in secret it opens up a whole new era for us. We must send our treasures up to Heaven.

o. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

1. **Matthew 6:19, Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**
2. Our motive for giving should be because we love the Lord. **2 Corinthians 9:6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 7. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 8. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:**
3. Remember that our giving should be as we purpose in our heart.
4. So many people focus on tithing. Which should be the believers guide for giving to the Lord.
5. The Bible says that the New Testament form of giving is as God has prospered us. **1 Corinthians 16:2, Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.**
6. We also need to realize that we need to be consistent in our giving; we need to be systematic in giving.
7. We need to realize that we are to give from the heart.
8. In order to have treasure in Heaven we must send it up in advance.
9. Instead of putting our money in the bank and hoarding it up, we should be contributing to the glory of God.
10. We are not to give grudgingly. **2 Corinthians 9:7, Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.**
11. **Luke 6:38, Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.**
12. So many people have the wrong motive for giving. They give to get. That is not Godly. Nowhere does it say in the Bible that we should give to get.
13. I cannot guarantee you if you contribute to the work of the Lord He will give you that same amount in return.
14. **Matthew 6:33, But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**
15. If we give to God according to His Word, I truly believe He will take care of business for us.
16. As a matter of fact, we are guaranteed. **Matthew 6:21, For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**
17. This tells us God does not want our money He wants our heart. **Psalms 119:10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.**
18. When the heart is right the giving will be right as well.
19. I wish believers could get that in their heart. If it was in the heart of every believer, the church would never have a need. We would be able to put missionaries on the field and provide for the widows and orphans that we have been instructed to do so. **2 Corinthians 8:5, And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. 2 Corinthians 8:2-3, How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. 3: For to their power, I bear**

record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves:

20. Too often we are concerned about taking care of our own needs first.
21. God says to meet His need first and ALL these things will be added unto you.

4. CONCLUSION

- a. My friend, do you know the Saviour?
b. If you do not know Him as personal Saviour, today needs to be your day of salvation. **2 Corinthians 6:2, (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)**
c. Remember what the Lord told us in **Matthew 6:26, Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Matthew 6:28, And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: Matthew 6:29-30, And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30: Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?**
d. Then the Lord sets the priority for us; **Matthew 6:33-34, But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34: Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.**
e. We praise God for the opportunity to share with you God's perspective on alms-giving, prayer and fasting and the kingdom that is to come.
f. Would you come to Christ today?
g. **Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**
h. **Romans 3:10, As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:**
i. **Romans 10:9-10, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**
j. Would you please stand?

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