

Sermon of the New Kingdom  
“Living in the Kingdom of God from the Inside Out”  
Sunday, October 17, 2021

- \* As we have studied the Sermon on the Mount we have noticed several times where Jesus said, “You have heard it said from the Law...but I say to you...”
- \* This is an example of Jesus “inaugurating” His Kingdom or this new way to live in the world!
- \* Remember, Jesus said:

Matthew 5:17

17 "If you think I've come to set aside the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets, you're mistaken. I have come to fulfill and bring to perfection all that has been written."

- \* So, Jesus is saying, This has always been the way life is to be lived, you just have not always known it or had the ability to live it!
- \* NOW WE KNOW AND HAVE THE ABILITY!

I. In Matthew 5:31-48 we saw how Jesus explains that:

A. Life is not about....

1. Murder...it's about hate.
2. Adultery...it's about lust.
3. Divorce...it's about relationship.
4. Swearing an oath...it's about doing what you say.
5. Getting even with someone...it's about forgiving.

6. Destroying your enemy...it's about loving them.

B. Throughout this entire sermon from Jesus, we see evil and even explain this new life in the NEW KINGDOM!

II. As we continue our trek through this message Jesus is teaching and preaching, we see Him continue to stress the inside work of God's Spirit as He "inaugurates" This new way of life!

Matthew 6:1-4

1 "Watch out! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven. 2 When you give to someone in need, don't do as the hypocrites do—blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get. 3 But when you give to someone in need, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. 4 Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

A. We need to understand what is being said here by our Lord!

1. He is not "creating policy" about good works and giving!

2. He is explaining how our heart should respond!

3. You see, it's not about being secretive, it's about motive of your heart!

4. It's not about "flaunting" your Christian faith, it's about genuinely living it in your heart!

5. Who you are inside or private is really who you are!

B. Genuine communion with your Lord is the point!

### Matthew 6:5-8

5 “When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. 6 But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. 7 “When you pray, don’t babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. 8 Don’t be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!

1. Is your faith a practice or is it a relationship?
  2. Is it a Sunday morning experience, or is it a daily presence?
  3. Is your faith merely a ritual to appease God or is it a longing of your heart to experience Him?
  4. Do you have to tell and explain to people you follow Christ, or is it obvious to people because live like He lived?
- C. Then, Jesus shares a prayer that is much more than a prayer! It is a lifestyle of consecration and submission!

### Matthew 6:9-15

9 Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.  
10 May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today the food we need, 12 and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. 13 And don’t let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. 14 “If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. 15 But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

1. Do we live in such a way that it is obvious we love and serve a holy God?
2. Are we submitted to His will and desire it above all else on the earth?

3. Do we rely on His provision on a daily basis or do we store up 30-year treasures on the earth?
4. If we are not careful our immediate response will be, “Jimmy, are you saying we shouldn’t prepare for retirement?”
5. Remember the original point: Living in the Kingdom from the inside out!
6. In this case, the point is, WHERE DOES YOUR TRUST LIE?
7. King David said:

Psalm 20:7

7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

Psalm 20:7

7 Some find their strength in their weapons and wisdom, but my miracle deliverance can never be won by men. Our boast is in the Lord our God, who makes us strong and gives us victory!

8. Then Jesus says we should live a life of quick forgiveness! Remember how many times He speaks of relationships?
  9. Jesus speaks of our total dependence upon God’s deliverance in this “fallen world”!! He has and will deliver us “from the Evil One!”
- D. Then, Jesus explains how this life of faith is about our total consecration to God!! It’s not a “show” to be lived in front of others!

Matthew 6:16-18

16 “And when you fast, don’t make it obvious, as the hypocrites do, for they try to look miserable and disheveled so people will admire them for their

fasting. I tell you the truth, that is the only reward they will ever get. 17 But when you fast, comb your hair[a] and wash your face. 18 Then no one will notice that you are fasting, except your Father, who knows what you do in private. And your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

1. I explain again say, this is not a treatise on fasting!
2. It is an explanation of how to inwardly give yourself completely to The Lord!
3. You see, Jesus says that your life of consecration inwardly will become obvious to everyone outwardly!
4. We are so oblivious to the fact that others can see just how committed we are to our Lord!
5. Jesus has continued His words of how life in The Kingdom is about CHANGE!