

(The Sermon on the Mount and Prayer - Session 1) - Part 3

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of living a life of purity, peacemaking, and prayer, and highlights the significance of the New Testament in our spiritual growth.

Duration: 4:57

Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16, Matthew 6:5-15, Matthew 6:33, Matthew 18:21-22

Topics: "Prayer"

Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of making a commitment to systematically study the New Testament. He suggests dedicating three hours every day for five years to go through the New Testament between 25 and 30 times each year. The speaker also highlights the significance of letting our light shine before others through our good works, and warns against praying for show or using vain repetitions. He emphasizes the importance of forgiveness, stating that if we do not forgive others, God will not forgive us. The sermon concludes with a reminder to pray in a manner taught by Jesus, including acknowledging God as our Father, seeking His will, asking for daily provision and forgiveness, and seeking deliverance from temptation and evil.

Transcript

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt have lost its savour, where shall it be salted? It is thencefore good for nothing but to be cast out and to be trodden under the foot of men.

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be heat. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick can it give a light unto all that are in the house.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Chapter 6, verse number 5. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have a reward.

Thou when thou prayest, enter into thy closet. When thou will shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions as they even do, for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

Be not ye therefore like unto them, for your Father knoweth what things you have need of before you ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye, our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive you your trespasses. It's a wonderful thing when we begin to study the New Testament.

And when you study the New Testament you will discover that there are 7,957 wonderful verses in the New Testament. I think one of the greatest things that we can do as Christians is to take the New Testament and ask God to help us to memorize every single one of those verses in the New Testament. And when you and I study the New Testament and allow the New Testament to become part of our lives because of the fact that the Old Testament is revealed for us in the New Testament, and the New Testament lies hidden for us in the Old Testament.

And because of the fact that we cannot take people further spiritually than we are ourselves, we can only impart to people that which we possess in our relationships with God. And we are born with personality, but God is in the process of building up Christian character. So what God does is that He uses His Word, and His Word needs to become part of our relationships with God.

Today as Brother Denny and myself were driving back from the airport, we were sharing with one another, and one of the things that God has laid upon my heart is to make a commitment for five years to systematically go through the New Testament between 25 and 30 times every year. That takes a lot of time, about three hours every day.

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