



FUNDAMENTAL GRACE BIBLE STUDY

Matthew

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Lesson 11: Chapter 6:1-18

SOTM – Part 3: Seeking the Kingdom

1. Review

- a. Clarification: Turn cheek – today, seek peace, give place to wrath, refuse ungodly gov't – Rom12:13
- b. Continual righteous, holy perfection of heart & deed to all men to enter the kingdom – Mt5:19,48
- c. James' statements to the scattered flock are the same – Jas1:22-25; 2:5-13
- d. Jesus is preparing tribulation/kingdom saints able to judge/overcome – Mt19:28; Rev14:6-12; 20:6

2. Overview

- a. Theme: Seeking the kingdom first and God's righteousness – Mt5:17-20 | Jesus is the way – Jn14:6
- b. vv.1-4 (alms) | vv.5-13 (prayer) | vv.14-15 (forgiveness) | vv.16-18 (fasting) | vv.19-24 (treasure) | vv.25-34 (application)
- c. Children of the Father vs. "the hypocrites" AND "the heathen" / "the Gentiles"
- d. Conduct before the Father vs. men
- e. Reward: God or men | Treasure: Heaven or Earth
- f. Service: Single or Double
- g. Conclusion: Take no thought for food, drink or clothing; seek the kingdom & I'll provide – Mt6:33

3. 6:1-18 – Alms, Prayer & Fasting

- a. Fear of God. To revere God as holy, just & true...to follow his instructions – Ps19:6-10; Pro15:33; 22:4
- b. "alms" money, food or clothing given to relieve poor (Deu15:11; Mt26:11) or bless Israel – Ac10:1-4
 - i. Eventually, Peter doesn't even have silver or gold to give, but provides a healing – Ac3:1-4
- c. "fast" mourning/repentance/humbling before God w/ expected result – Mt9:14-15; Lu18:12-14
 - i. Neh1:4-11; Ps35:13; 69:10; Jer14:12; 36:6,9; Dan9:3; Jonah3:5; Mt6:16
 - ii. This humility, according to their covenants/obedience, had effect – Jas4:6,10; 1Pe5:5-6
 - iii. Abstaining from meat/drink is ineffectual today – 1Cor8:8; 1Tim4:3; Col2:16-23; 2Cor9:8

4. 6:9-13 – The So-Called Lord's Prayer

- a. Note: All red verses are grace truths in this dispensation, not Israel's covenants
- b. Compare with Luke 11:1-4 | The Lord's actual prayer is found in John 17 also Mt26; Mk14; Lu22
- c. Consider Solomon's prayer dedicating the temple to God before Israel – 1Kgs8:12-61; 2Chr7:14-20
- d. Since Solomon did rebel w/ Israel being plucked from the land, what of Daniel's prayer? – Daniel 9
Enter Jesus Messiah...
- e. "Our Father" Israel, God's firstborn...we, strangers adopted by faith in his blood – Ex4:22; Eph2:11-13
- f. "Hallowed be thy name" will be sanctified in Israel before the heathen – Eze36:22-28; 1Cor1:30
- g. "Thy kingdom come...will be done in earth" will occur in Israel's Millennial reign – Rev11:15; 2Cor5:20
- h. "daily bread" literal food – Ex16:15,31; Josh5:12; Neh9:18-21; 1Tim5:8
- i. "forgive...as we forgive" we've already been forgiven for Christ's sake – Eph4:32; Col2:13; 2Cor5:19
- j. "lead us not into temptation...deliver us from evil" – Ps23; 78:19; Jn17:15; 1Pe5:8; Heb3:8-14; Rev2:10; 3:10
- k. "thine is the kingdom...power...glory, forever" Rev5:9-13; 19:1-2

5. Our Prayer Pattern

- a. Prayer has always been God's will, but what to pray changed: 1Tim1:16; 1Thess5:17; Rom8:26; 1Cor2
 - i. We should pray to God for and with understanding – Rom12:2; Col1:9-12; Phil1:9-10
 - ii. We should pray to God w/ thanksgiving for what we know he's done – Rom5:7-11; Eph4:32
 - iii. With a knowledge of God's will, we can walk worthy of his calling – 1Tim2:1-4
 - iv. If we learn better, we ought to pray better – 2Cor12:7-10; Phil4:6-13,19