



FUNDAMENTAL GRACE BIBLE STUDY

Matthew

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Lesson 12: Chapter 6:19-34

Theme: *SOTM Part 4: Seeking the Kingdom*

1. Review: Prayer Patterns Compared

	TIME PAST: The Remnant of Israel		BUT NOW: The Body of Christ	
Position	God's firstborn son, elect	Mt6:9	Strangers of Israel, enemies	Eph2:11-13
God's will	Repent, kingdom is at hand	Mt6:10	Reconciled, be reconciled	2Cor5:18-21
Provision	Daily bread	Mt6:11	Provide for your own	1Tim5:8
Forgiveness	Conditional	Mt6:12	Complete	Eph1:7; 4:32
Guidance	Endure <i>through</i> the wrath	Mt6:13; 10:22	Delivered <i>from</i> the wrath	1Thess1:10; 5:9
In This Dispensation of God's Grace, Our Prayer Pattern Has Changed				
Pattern	Learn from your pattern the Spirit's supply		1Tim1:16; Rom8:26; 1Cor2:10-16; Phil1:19	
Understand	Pray for it and with it		1Thess5:17; Rom12:2; Phil1:9-10	
Thanks	Pray with it knowing what God has done		Rom5:7-11; Eph1:13-14; 2:1-10; 2Cor5:17-21	
Worthy	Spiritual wisdom & understanding allows this		Col1:9-10; Eph4:1-6; 1Tim2:1-4; 1Thess4:1-12	
Excel	Learn better and pray better		Phil1:9-10; 2Cor12:7-10; Phil4:6-13,19	

2. Overview

- a. Context: Who is speaking? To whom? Are we in the audience?
- b. Topic: Prepare a remnant of Israel for the coming tribulation/kingdom – Mt10:22; 24:3,13,21,29
- c. Equipping: Prayer, single-mindedness to serve God & provision – Mt6:

3. 6:19-24 (Cf. 12:1-33)

- a. Service in secret will be rewarded openly, hypocrisy will be rewarded in kind – Lu12:1-5
- b. *"lay up for yourselves"* to gather/store for later use; individually focused provision – Lu12:15-21
- c. *"two masters"* double-mindedness will result in instability & destruction – Jas1:8; 4:4,8
- d. Earthly treasure in the last days will mark unbelief – Pro11:4; Jas4:13-5:3; Rev13:17; 19:20

4. 6:25-34

- a. *"Take no thought"* for food, drink or clothing...and words – Mk13:11; Lu12:21-31
- b. Double-mindedness would not allow these Israelites to *"follow"* Christ to perfection – Mt19:21
- c. Conclusion: sell your possessions for eternal, incorruptible treasure = kingdom – Lu12:32-33
- d. *"these things"* (food, drink, clothing) God already provided for Israel in time past – Deu8:1-4
- e. *"What shall we...?"* is a question God already answered – Lev25:20; Ex15:24; Rev6:11; 7:13-17

5. Warning

- a. Matthew 6 is the source of many wrong teachings on **God's will** in this dispensation of his grace:
 - i. Prayer pattern: Kingdom building or body-building?
 - ii. Forgiveness: Conditional or complete?
 - iii. Provision: God provides or I provide?
- b. Christ has the remnant consider ravens, but Solomon the ant (Pro6:6-8)...know where you're at
- c. Providing for your own is a faith issue today – 1Tim5:8; 2Thess3:11-15

6. Seek Your Position in Christ

- a. Knowing God's will, making a right division is imperative to walk worthy – Eph5:15-17; 2Tim2:15
- b. All our blessings are spiritual, in Christ, in heavenly places...our life is in him – Eph1:3,6; Col3:1-4
- c. Knowing God has provided all our need by the riches of his grace helps – 2Cor9:6-9; Phil4:19