



FUNDAMENTAL GRACE BIBLE STUDY

Matthew

15 April 2018

Lesson 15: Chapter 6:19-34

Theme: *SOTM Part 4: Seeking the Kingdom*

1. 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 & receive provision

2. 6:19-24 (cf. Lu12:1-33)

- 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 – Mt12:46; Pro11:4; Jas4:13-5:3; Rev13:17; 19:20

3. 6:25-34

- a. *“Therefore...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. *“little faith”* mentioned 5x by Jesus (4x in Matthew), always to disciples
 - i. In contrast, *“great faith”* is mentioned 2x by Jesus, always to a Gentile – Mt8:10
 - ii. Little faith, great faith, child-like faith, faith like a mustard seed, measure of faith, proportion of faith, gift of faith all confuse people | context, context, context
- d. Conclusion: sell your possessions for eternal, incorruptible treasure = kingdom – Lu12:32-33
- e. *“these things”* (food, drink, clothing) God already provided for Israel in time past – Deu8:1-4
- f. *“What shall we...?”* is a question God already answered – Lev25:20; Ex15:24; Rev6:11; 7:13-17

4. Warning

- a. Matthew 6 is the source of many wrong teachings on **God’s will** in this dispensation of his grace
- b. Christ: remnant considers ravens, but Solomon the ant (Pro6:6-8) – Israel’s instructions changed
- c. **Heads-up**: Providing for your own is God’s will, and a faith-issue today – 1Tim5:8; 2Thess3:11-15

5. Seek What? Israel’s Kingdom **or** Your Present Position in Christ’s Body

- a. *Seek*. (v.) to follow after in expectation of finding; to practice or apply with relative frequency
- b. Romans 9-11: commentary on what happened to Israel who sought **w/o faith** – Rom9:30-33; 11:7
- c. In this dispensation, we learn that there are no truth “seekers” – Rom3:11; 11:32
- d. Christ sends Paul to reveal the unsearchable riches we have in Christ **w/o Israel** – Eph3:1-12
- e. Knowing God’s will, making a right division is imperative to walk worthy – Eph5:15-17; 2Tim2:15
- f. All our blessings are spiritual, in Christ, in heavenly places...our life is in him – Eph1:3,6; Col3:1-4
- g. Knowing God has provided all our need by the riches of his grace helps – 2Cor9:6-9; Phil4:19
- h. The old man seeks his own; the new man seeks Christ – Phil2:21; 2:3-4; 1Cor10:24
- i. **“this one thing I do”** ...press toward the position Christ already attained for you – Phil3:13