

## Wednesday Night Bible Study

### The Gospel of Matthew Week 7 – 11/3/2021

#### Chapter 5 Cont.

- 14-16
  - o Light – Light speaks of the outward testimony of good works that points to God.
  - o Our good works must accompany our dedicated lives as we let our lights shine.
  - o We were never told to witness. We were told to BE a witness. There is a huge difference.
- 17-18
  - o Yod and Tittle are the smallest characters of the Hebrew Alphabet equivalent to the dotting of the “i” or the crossing of the “t”.
  - o Jesus fulfilled the law in three ways
    - Obedience to the law. Isaiah 42:21 “The LORD is well pleased for His righteousness’ sake; He will magnify the law, and make it honourable.”
    - Death: He met the claims of the law for us. Romans 10:4 “For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.”
    - Spirit: Enables believers. Romans 8:4 “That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”
- 19-20
  - o He’s not talking about the law, He’s talking about the commandments He’s laid out. “For I say unto you...”
  - o The “righteousness of the Pharisees” would have been quite a shock to the Jewish audience.
  - o Anyone who tries to reconcile themselves to God by their works, their rules, their legalism is Pharisaical.
  - o If you are trying to reconcile to God, you are saying Jesus’ work is incomplete and so not understand what God has done through Christ. Romans 5:8 “But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”
  - o The commandments that Jesus refers to are in chapters 5-7.
  - o He emphasizes “my” commandments and “my” words. Matthew 7:24-27 “...these sayings of mine...”
  - o Matthew 28:20 “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”
  - o Are we supposed to “keep the law”
    - The law is a standard and it reveals that we CANNOT measure up to God’s standards.

- It is intended to drive us to the Cross of Christ. Galatians 3:24 “Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.”
  - Romans 3:20 “Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.”
  - Romans 5:20 “Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.”
- 21-22
    - Jesus puts Himself above Moses by saying “I say”.
  - 23-24
    - Anger is murder
  - 25-26
    - Lust is adultery
  - 27-30
    - Seriousness of sin
  - 31-37
    - You word should be good with no need to swear by anything
  - 38-40
    - Suffer rather than cause suffering
  - 41-48
    - “perfect” the indictment.
  - John 3:1-8
    - Nicodemus was a good man. His family negotiated with the Romans in the fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD. These were very influential people. You can't find anything bad about Nicodemus.
    - Jesus tells him that he MUST be born again. In other words, all of the influence, learning, and trying will not save you.