

Wednesday Night Bible Study

The Gospel of Matthew

Week 8 – 11/10/2021

- Romans 10:4 “For Christ is the **end** of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.”
- End = Telos “end, termination, culmination, fulfillment”
- Colossians 2:13-14 “And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses; blotting out the **handwriting of ordinances** that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross;”
- Handwriting of ordinances = certificate of debt
- Chapter 6 is our relationship to God
- Deals with the external part of religion:
 - o The righteousness that the subjects of the kingdom are to practice.
- 1-2
 - o Give in silence
- 3-5
 - o Pray in silence
 - o Both are outward acts of religion. Perhaps the toughest acts of religion to conceal.
 - o He is not referring to corporate prayer.
- 6-8
 - o Think about the rosary alone.
- 9-12
 - o This is referred to as “The Lord’s Prayer” and “The Our Father”.
 - o Jesus could NOT have prayed this. Why? Listen to what He is actually teaching His disciples; which includes believers today.
 - o “After this manner” directs to it being a model.
 - o Luke 11:1 “And it came to pass, that, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, one of His disciples said unto Him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.”
 - o Luke 11:2 “And He said unto them, when ye pray, say, ...
 - Say = Lego “to lay forth”, relate
 - o Jesus is telling them to lay down their needs in the fashion He presents it in the model.
 - o It is not mentioned in the Book of Acts or the epistles.
 - o The real Lord’s prayer is John 17.
- 14-15
 - o You **MUST** forgive
- 16-18
 - o “When you fast”, not IF you fast
- 19-20

- “Treasures in heaven”
 - What can you bring to heaven? Nothing material, only people
- Giving
 - Don’t give according to need
 - There are more needs than you could possibly address.
 - Give where the Lord is in action
 - Look for proof that He is in it
 - God doesn’t need you money, use it for what you KNOW He is doing.
- 21-23
- 24-25
 - “mammon” = money
 - “thought” = Merimnao “to be anxious about”
 - Worry is a sin. It is a form of blasphemy.
 - It simply means you are not trusting God
 - It is completely different to be diligent and aware.
 - Worry is assuming a responsibility that God did not intend for you to have.
- 26-27
- 28-30
 - Notice that Solomon is always used in a negative light. Even Solomon did this to himself in Ecclesiastes.
- 31-33
 - Verse 33 is the key verse.
 - “When anxiety begins, faith ends; when faith begins, anxiety ends.” George Muller
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 - ... take no **thought**... Same word meaning “anxious thought”.