

TEACHINGS OF JESUS

Matthew 6:14-34; Matthew 7:1-29.

LESSON 42 -- Primary Course

MEMORY VERSE: “Ask, and it shall be given you” (Matthew 7:7).

BIBLE TEXTS

Matthew 6:14-34

14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;

18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Matthew 7:1-29

1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.

2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:

29 For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

NOTES

The Best Teacher

Boys and girls in school have good teachers who want them to learn to read, to write, to count, and how to take care of their bodies and minds. But Jesus wanted to do more than that: He wanted to tell people how to know and love God. He left His beautiful home in Heaven and came down to this earth where He had no home. We read in the Bible: “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head” (Luke 9:58). He was away from His Father’s Home in Heaven more than 33 years, just to be down here to teach people how to be good, and make it possible for them to be with Him in that wonderful Home someday.

Forgiving

One of the things Jesus taught people was that they must forgive. Sometimes people do things that we do not like; perhaps they say unkind things to us. But Jesus said that we must not angry at them, must not hate them, and must not want to “get even.” Sometimes children will say, “He hit me, and so I hit him.” That is not what Jesus said we should do. He said that if a person hits us on one cheek we should let him hit the other, too. Many people think that is a hard thing to do; they think they should strike back.

Jesus not only said men should forgive those who were unkind to them, but He did it, too. When they said unkind things to Him, said things about Him that were not true, He did not answer them. When they slapped Him in the face and laughed at Him, He kept still. Even when they hung Him on the Cross to kill Him, He prayed for them and said: “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34).

Having Our Sins Forgiven

Before we can ever go to be in Heaven with Jesus we must have our sins forgiven. God is the only One Who can forgive our sins. But Jesus tells us that if we expect to be forgiven we must forgive other people. Jesus taught that, when He taught the disciples that beautiful prayer: “Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.” We must forgive everything and not have a bad feeling in our hearts toward anyone. If we do not forgive others, our heavenly Father cannot forgive us.

When we have done a wrong thing to others we must ask their forgiveness. This is not always an easy thing to do, but it is what Jesus said we should do. We must not only ask to be forgiven, but we must be sorry that we did the wrong thing, and ask God to help us never to do it again. One day a man came to Jesus and asked Him if he forgave his brother seven times would that be enough. But Jesus told the man he must forgive 70 times seven. Some people will not forgive at all. Some think they do well if they forgive once or twice, but Jesus said they must forgive as often as 490 times.

The Test

If we do not like to have our brothers and sisters take or break our things, then we should not take theirs. If we like to have the good things, then we should remember that they like them also. If we expect them to be kind to us, then we must be kind to them. If we want them to help us when we need it, we must help them when they want us to do so. If we do not like to have them be selfish with us, we must not be selfish either. If it makes us happy to have them be fair with us, we must remember that it makes them happy to have us be fair with them. If we want them to love us, we must love them.

We should always remember to give the others the best and take the worst for ourselves. For instance, if you and your friend had two apples, one very nice apple and one poor one, you should take the poor one and give your friend the nice apple. We should always give our brothers and sisters the best.

If all people would remember what Jesus said, and would do it, there would be no quarrelling or fighting or hating. He said: “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets” (Matthew 7:12).

QUESTIONS

1. Where should we keep our treasures? Matthew 6:20.
2. Who feeds the birds? Matthew 6:26.
3. How does Jesus tell us to treat others? Matthew 7:12.
4. Do many people find the strait gate and the narrow way? Matthew 7:14.
5. What happened to the house that was built upon the sand? Matthew 7:27.

LESSON RESOURCES

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Love Him Who's Thy Neighbour

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Love Him Who's Thy Neighbour

“Love Him Who's Thy Neighbour”

It is the Lord's command

He made Himself an example

By the way He loved us

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