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| **Sermon on the Mount -More Perfectly** |

***...expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.***
**Acts 18:26**

**The Sermon on the Mount Compared to Paul's Epistles**
**Part IV**
**Matthew 5:10**

**10: *Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

* **Kingdom of heaven is to Jews only** - it is only in **Matthew**!
	+ NOT in Paul's writings at all!
* **Paul preached the *Kingdom of God***- ONLY!
	+ So, if you have been convinced of what exactly the *kingdom of heaven* is, don't be concerned.
		- It isn't to us, anyway!
		- It was over / taken away when the Jews killed Stephen and Christ went on to Paul!
			* ...just as the kingdom of God left after Adam and Eve sinned...
			* ...just as the kingdom of Heaven left after Jeconiah
				+ **Jeremiah 22:30**- ***Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.***
			* Both kingdom of God and of heaven were gone - leaving the devils kingdom running the show now - Nebuchadnezar, type of anti-christ, is the leader, etc.
			* Daniel prophecies what is coming!
			* John the Baptist preaches both kingdoms coming again
			* and they do, with Jesus making both available...
	+ Paul does tell us what the kingdom of God is - THAT is what our concern is TO US today!
		- **Romans 14:17 - *For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.***
	+ Paul dealt with the kingdom of God only!
		- **Acts 14:22 - *Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.***
		- **Acts 19:8 - *And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.***
		- **Acts 20:25 - *And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.***
		- **Acts 28:23 -*And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.***
		- **Acts 28:31 - *Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.***
		- **I Corinthians 6:9,10 - *Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.***
		- **I Corinthians 15:50 -*Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.***
		- **Galatians 5:19-21 - *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.***
		- **Colossians 4:11 -*And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.***
* **...persecuted for righteousness' sake**
	+ "*Sake*" -*Final cause; end ; purpose; for the benefit or interest of someone or oneself;  for the purpose of obtaining or achieving something*
	+ It was almost all for 'his' sake...
		- **Matthew 10:18 -*And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.***
		- **Matthew 10:39 - *He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.***
		- **Matthew 16:25 - *For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.***
		- **Mark 8:35 - *For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.***
		- **Mark 10:29 - *And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,***
		- **Mark 13:9 -*But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.***
		- **Luke 9:24 -*For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.***
		- **John 13:38 - *Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.***
		- **Luke 6:22 - *Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.***
	+ For his name's sake:
		- **Matthew 10:22 -*And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.***
		- **Matthew 19:29 - *And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.***
		- **Matthew 24:9 - *Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.***
		- **Mark 13:13 - *And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.***
		- **Luke 21:12 -*But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.***
		- **Luke 21:17 - *And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.***
		- **John 15:21 -*But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.***
	+ For the kingdom of heaven's sake
		- **Matthew 19:12 - *For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.***
	+ During the Tribulation, for the Jew's sake
		- **Matthew 24:22 - *And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.***
	+ For the word's sake
		- **Mark 4:17 - *And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.***
	+ For Lazarus's sake
		- **John 12:9 -*Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.***
	+ For the works sake
		- **John 14:11 - *Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.***

**For who's sake does Paul preach?**

* + Jesus sake
		- **II Corinthians 4:5 - *For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.***
		- **II Corinthians 4:11*- For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.***
		- **Philippians 1:29 - *For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;***
	+ Paul for Christ's name sake
		- **Acts 9:16 - For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.**
	+ Christ's sake
		- **Romans 15:30 - *Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;***
		- **I Corinthians 4:10 - *We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised.***
		- **Ephesians 4:32 - *And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.***
	+ for the people's sake
		- **Romans 8:36 - *As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.***
	+ our conscience
		- **Romans 13:5 - *Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.***
		- **I Corinthians 10:27 - *If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake.***
	+ Gospel's sake
		- **I Corinthians 9:23 - *And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.***
			* read**verses 18-23**
	+ the church - his body
		- **Colossians 1:24 - *Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:***
	+ the pastors work
		- **I Thessalonians 5:13 - *And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.***
	+ our sake
		- **I Thessalonians 1:5 - *For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.***

**And then there are the bad guys...**

* + - for filthy lucre's sake
			* **Titus 1:10,11 - *For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.***
		- works in the flesh - the wrath of God
			* **Colossians 3:5,6 - *Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:***

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The entire King James Bible is written FOR us, but it is not all written TO us!
We learn from the "*For*" and we try to apply the '*TO*!"