

*Sermon on the Mount ~
More Perfectly*

Part X

Matthew 5:19-22

19 - Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven; but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

- Paul never does mention kingdom of heaven!
 - So, this is meaningless to us today!
 - No need to be concerned about who is least or great...
 - Paul preaches kingdom of God only!
 - **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.*
 - **Rom 14:17** - *For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*
 - **I Corinthians 15:50** - *Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.*
 - **I Corinthians 6:9** - *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,*
 - **I Corinthians 6:10** - *Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.*
 - **Galatians 5:21** - *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.*
 - **II Thessalonians 1:5** - *Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:*
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20 - For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

- Continuing the thought from **verse 19**, *For I say unto you...*
- Our own righteousness?
- This is why the Psalms seem so important to folks today!
 - It is about the righteousness the Jews had to have during the OT.
 - The Psalms are for us, of course, but not in the manner of word for word application to us!
- We need His righteousness today, not ours!
 - **Romans 10:3** - *For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.*
 - **Titus 3:5** - *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*
 - **Romans 4:5-8** - *But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Saying, *Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.**
 - **Romans 4:24** - *But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;*
- Our righteousness can not please God until we have His!
 - **Romans 8:8-9** - *So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*
 - **I Thessalonians 4:1** - *Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.*
- Until saved, our righteousness is still 'dead in sins.'
 - **Ephesians 2:1** - *And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;*
 - **Ephesians 2:5** - *Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*
 - **Colossians 2:13** - *And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;*
- Our soul needs to be cut away from our flesh!
 - **Colossians 2:11** - *In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:*
- Their 'walk' had to be the teachings of Jesus to the Jews THEN!
 - **Matthew 28:19,20** - *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 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.*
 - **Mark 16:16-20**

- Our teachings today from the Risen Christ to Paul say nothing like this!
- Also - consider this - they didn't have 'heaven' as Paul preaches it anyway - they had 'paradise' until Christ rose and brought many with him!
 - **Luke 23:43** - *And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.*
 - **Matthew 27:52,53** - *And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.*

21 - Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

- **Ye have heard...**
 - See verses:
 - **27-28; 31-32; 33-37; 38-39; 43-44**
 - You can see that even from OT to Jesus' time - there were 'changes'!
- After Christ fulfilled the law, why can there not be 'changes' in what Jesus teaches to the Gentiles.
 - **Romans 8:3,4** - *For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*
- **II Timothy 3:16** - still means it is all inspired by God, but it doesn't have to all be TO us!
 - *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*
- Paul preaches and teaches ...
 - ... the way of God more perfectly!
 - **Acts 18:26** - *And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.*
 - ... more excellent way
 - **I Corinthians 12:31** - *...yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.*
 - ... that Paul's ways are the ways to follow!
 - **I Corinthians 4:17** - *For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.*
 - **I Thessalonians 4:1** - *Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.*
 - **I Thessalonians 1:8** - *For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;*
 - **Philippians 4:9** - *Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.*

22: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

- *Raca* is Syriac - *vain, empty, worthless* - "to spit" - *extreme contempt*
 - Not all was Greek / Hebrew, eh!
- But being called a fool is worse than that!
 - Remember, it was being angry with your brother without a cause!
- Do they know that anyone following Jesus' teachings today, along with Hebrews books, etc., then loving a brother has them thinking they are saved but hating a brother means to be in darkness!
 - **I John 3:14-16** - *We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*
 - **I John 3:23,24** - *And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.*
 - See **verses 8-10** - *He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.*
- For Paul's time and in ours today - the dispensation of grace, hating a brother did not put anyone in danger of hell fire and was not any proof of being saved or not.
 - **II Thessalonians 3:14,15** - *And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.*
 - Today, even for a brother, you could 'note that man and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.
 - **Romans 12:10** - *Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;*
 - **Romans 13:8** - *Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.*
 - **Romans 14:13** - *Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.*
 - **Romans 15:7** - *Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.*
 - **Romans 15:14** - *And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.*
 - **II Corinthians 13:12** - *Greet one another with an holy kiss.*

- **Galatians 5:15** - *But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.*
- **Galatians 5:26** - *Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.*
- **Galatians 6:2** - *Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.*
- **Ephesians 4:2** - *With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;*
- **Ephesians 4:32** - *And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*
- **Colossians 3:13** - *Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.*
- **I Thessalonians 4:9** - *But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.*
- **I Thessalonians 4:18** - *Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*
- **I Thessalonians 5:11** - *Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.*
- God calls people fools!
 - **Psalms 14:1** - *The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.*
 - **Proverbs 17:10** - *A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool.*
 - **Proverbs 18:6** - *A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.*
 - **Proverbs 23:9** - *Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.*
 - **Proverbs 28:6** - *Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.*
 - **Proverbs 29:20** - *Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him.*
- Jesus calls people fools!
 - **Matthew 23:17** - *Ye fools and blind: ...*
 - **Luke 11:40** - *Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also?*
 - **Luke 24:25** - *Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:*
- Paul calls people fools!
 - **Romans 1:22** - *Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,*
 - **II Corinthians 11:23** - *Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.*
 - **I Corinthians 15:36** - *Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:*
- Paul even called himself a fool!
 - **II Corinthians 12:11** - *I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing.*

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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*'!