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Sermon on the Mount

"More Perfectly"

Part XII
Matthew 5:38:48

Three points to be made here today:

- 1) more 'upgraded changes' - 'way of God but more perfectly' - 'transitions' made by Jesus when he compares to Moses law, etc.
- 2) consequences here are different than with Paul when it comes to these statements
- 3) this is about dealing with 'the enemy.'

1) Upgraded changes:

- *ye have heard that it hath been said...*
 - *...but I say unto you...*
- Why can't Jesus say the same with Paul?
 - it is all just the way of God more perfectly!

Jesus said...

5:38: *Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:*

- Old Testament said
 - **Exodus 21:24,5** - *Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.*
 - **Leviticus 24:17-22** - *And he that killeth any man surely be put to death. And he that killeth a beast shall make it good; beast for beast. And if a man cause a blemish in his neighbour; as he hath done, so shall it be done to him; Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him again. And he that killeth a beast, he shall restore it: and he that killeth a man, he shall be put to death. Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country: for I am the LORD your God.*
 - **Deuteronomy 19:20,21** - *And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you. And thine eye shall not pity; but life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.*

Jesus then said...

- **39:** *But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.*

- The Christian today is rolling over and lazily playing dead because of this teaching!
 - They are preparing for a peace, but unfortunately, it will be brought in by the antichrist and all his flattering and peaceful ways.
 - There is little if any 'fight' left in Christians today!
 - The fight they do put forth is against the KJB, Paul, rightly dividing and the Risen Saviour.
 - Christ is STILL rejected by those who say they are 'his own.' (See **John 1:11** - *He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*)

The Risen Jesus Christ has taught us through Paul:

- see below sermon comments on evil from the Risen Saviour - through Paul and the KJB...

Jesus said

40: *And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also.*

- Paul's teachings for today
 - **I Corinthians 6:1-8**
 - a brother suing a brother in the world's courts - you can't settle things from a brother to a brother?
 - **1-3** - *Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?*
 - The third party:
 - **4-5** - *If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church. I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?*
 - Bad testimony
 - **6** - *But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers.*
 - take the wrong - if you don't, then that is the bigger wrong!
 - **7-8** - *Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded? Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren.*
 - See Paul's teachings on the enemy and the brethren for handling issues legally, etc. and how we are to look to the brethren!
 - Sue the city - others, etc. - stop them from taking away the very liberty that was patterned after Christ's liberty.
 - They attack and slander - they still shouldn't get away with that stuff. We have as much freedom as they do.
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Jesus said

41: *And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.*

The Risen Saviour says to us through Paul...

- There is still nothing wrong with giving someone more - helping them beyond even what they asked!
 - If folks need help, be there with more!
 - **Romans 8:37** - *Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*
 - **Philemon 21** - *Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.*
- Just be prepared... they quickly forget what you have done for them!
 - It only takes one act of missed or misunderstood charity for them to forget the 20 other times of charity you gave them!
 - Charity edifieth - see **I Corinthians 8:1** - but folks today tend to feel burned when charity is used for correction and edification - they will not endure sound doctrine - it is their choice to whom they serve!
 - More often than not, they will serve their flesh, not what the Book has taught them about themselves.
 - They will forget what you did do for them earlier!
 - **II Corinthians 12:15** - *And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.*
 - **II Corinthians 1:24** - *Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.*
 - Not for dominion or control - but in order to help someone with their joy, they need to hear and learn about the Risen Saviour!
 - *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, **Ephesians 1:13***
 - **I Corinthians 4:15-17** - *For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me. 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.*
 - **II Timothy 3:7** - *Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

Jesus said

42: *Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.*

- Old Testament teaches:
 - No usury - no interest.
 - It makes you his servant - or you his master!

- **Proverbs 22:7** - *The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.*
- **Exodus 22:25** - *If thou lend money to any of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury.*
- The Risen Jesus teaches us through Paul - to the men, get work so you can help those who need help!
 - **Ephesians 4:28** - *Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.*

Jesus said

43: *Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.*

- Neighbour?
 - Old Testament
 - **Leviticus 19:18** - *Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.*
 - The Risen Saviour teaches through Paul...
 - **Romans 13:10** - *Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.*
 - **Galatians 5:14** - *For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*
 - Unless thy neighbour... withdraw, avoid, etc.
 - Remember the list?
- Enemy?
 - OT - Hate thine enemy?
 - **Deuteronomy 30:7** - *And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee.*
 - **Esther 9:5** - *Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto those that hated them.*
 - **Psalms 18:40** - *Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me.*
 - **Psalms 21:8** - *Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.*
 - See below sermon comments from the Risen Saviour to us today through Paul about the enemy!

Jesus said

44: *But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;*

- Consequences of that teaching during Jesus' time!

- **45** - *That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.*
- Explanation, please?
 - **46-48** - *For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.*
- salvation - that ye may be the children of your Father...
 - what deal is it if those you love is the brethren?
 - it is hard to love the enemy - so there is your reward!
- *be ye therefore perfect?*
 - *Finished; complete ; consummate ; not defective; having all that is requisite to its nature and kind; Complete in moral excellencies.*
 - *even AS your Father...*
 - are we to imitate or follow?
 - be as God? - or gods?
- What does the Risen Saviour say about those folks today?
 - **I Timothy 6:3-5** - *If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.*
 - Coals of fire
 - **Romans 12:20** - *Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.*
 - See **Romans 2:5** - *But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;*

The enemy and evil - let the Risen Saviour speak to you today!

(this is not on the audio portion of the sermon -

this is here for your own personal study on the enemy and evil.

although this would make a good sermon sometime, eh!)

- Those that pervert the right ways of the Lord!
 - **Acts 13:10** - *And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?*
- Any other gospel? Accursed!
 - **Galatians 1:8** - *But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*
- Turn the brethren against the brethren - seems like it is their goal!

- **Acts 14:2** - *But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren.*
- Inventors of evil things!
 - **Romans 1:30** - *Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,*
- Tribulation and anguish
 - **Romans 2:9** - *Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;*
 - must be after their judgment!
- They accuse us of 'sinning' even after we learn...
 - **Romans 3:8** - *And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just.*
 - The end does not justify the means!
 - **II Timothy 2:9** - *Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.*
- Paul had the evil still in his flesh!
 - **Romans 7:19** - *For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.*
 - **Romans 7:21** - *I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.*
- Abhor that which is evil!
 - **Romans 12:9** - *Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.*
- No pay backs!
 - **Romans 12:17** - *Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.*
 - **I Thessalonians 5:15** - *See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.*
 - **Titus 3:2** - *To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.*
- Overcome evil with good
 - **Romans 12:21** - *Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.*
- Rulers?
 - **Romans 13:3-4** - *For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.*
 - reverse the above verse when the rulers become evil!
- Be simple concerning evil!
 - **Romans 16:19** - *For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.*
- Do not lust after evil things - it's in our blood to lust after evil things!
 - **I Corinthians 10:6** - *Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.*

- We are evil spoken of... for what?
 - **I Corinthians 10:30** - *For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks?*
- Jesus eventually wins over them!
 - **I Corinthians 15:25** - *For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.*
- Evil communications
 - **I Corinthians 15:33** - *Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.*
- Do you look approved?
 - **II Corinthians 13:7** - *Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates.*
- Delivered / Kept from - by His work on and after the cross - and the KJB the sword of His circumcision and light unto our path today!!
 - **Galatians 1:4** - *Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:*
 - **II Timothy 4:18** - *And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*
 - **II Thessalonians 3:3** - *But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.*
- Put away evil speaking
 - **Ephesians 4:31** - *Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:*
- The days are evil!
 - **Ephesians 5:16** - *Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*
- Evil workers
 - **Philippians 3:2** - *Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.*
- Enemies of the cross of Christ
 - **Philippians 3:17-19** - *Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)*
- Not an enemy - but admonish and withdraw from...
 - **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.*
- Appearance of...
 - **I Thessalonians 5:22** - *Abstain from all appearance of evil.*
- Root of evil
 - **I Timothy 6:10** - *For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*
- People will do us evil!
 - **II Timothy 4:14** - *Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works:*
- Just continues to get worse!

- **II Timothy 3:13** - *But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.*

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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!"