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Sermon on the Mount

" More Perfectly "

from Paul

Part XIII

Matthew 6:1-15

Secret Alms / Secret Prayer / Forgiveness

Short comments on audio from previous sermon on Dominionism and early America.

- What would a Christian say to do today, to fix America?
- What damage did the Geneva Bible do to America?
- It is a source of the destruction of America.
- Should America go back to the law?
 - Go back to the garden?
 - Go back to the Gospels?
 - Go ahead to the Millennium?
- Introduce America to Paul, and the Risen Save!

Public Alms vs Secret, etc.

1: Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

- alms - *Any thing given gratuitously to relieve the poor, as money, food, or clothing, otherwise called charity.*
- NIV - 'acts of righteousness'
 - just not the same - it is to be directed to the poor, etc.
 - how can one put his 'acts of righteousness' into a secret life?
- Message Bible - *Be especially careful when you are trying to be good so that you don't make a performance out of it. It might be good theater, but the God who made you won't be applauding.*
- **take heed?**
 - no reward!
 - no answer to their action toward them personally!
 - no 'sign!'
- Do any of these things show us what is going on today on the street corners / churches / etc.
 - Do these fit?
 - '*before men*'
 - '*to be seen of them*'

2: Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

- hypocrites
 - in the synagogues / streets
 - 'do not sound a trumpet before thee'
 - 'that they may have glory of men.'
 - again - 'they have their reward!'
 - having 'Mash" in their video rack and then preach on the corners about watching videos!
 - preaching against modern bibles and screaming at people with them, but preach alongside a modern bible pastor.

3: *But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:*

4: *That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.*

- Nobody was to know what you are doing - giving, etc.!
- thy Father will reward them openly - blessings - physical!
- At first, Father is always a reference made to the Father of the Jews, etc. not of the Gentiles!
 - then because of adoption, He becomes our spiritual Father!
 - **Romans 8:15** - *For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*
 - Along with Abraham as our father, too.
 - **Romans 4:12,16**
 - children of God
 - **Galatians 3:26** - *For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.*

When we 'grasp Paul' we tend to take some challenges harder than usual.

- salvation?
- bible awareness
- serious or not
- rightly dividing
- prayer

Public vs Private Prayer

5: *And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.*

- hypocrites
 - love to pray standing in the synagogues
 - love to pray in the corners of the streets
 - that they may be seen of men
 - they have their reward.
- is this anything like the street workers today?

- preaching the gospel of Jesus from the Gospels, and yet many of them seem to fit this description, too.

6: *But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.*

- secret
- reward thee openly

7: *But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.*

- as the heathen do - that is referring to the Gentiles, by the way - our past and background, etc.
- use vain repetitions
- they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking

8: *Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.*

- be not like them, but are there preachers / evangelists, etc. like them today?
- God knew then what things they needed...
- So does He today, as well!
- **Romans 8:26**
- What do we seek after today?
- See **Matthew 6:31,32**
- We still do only now we expect God to provide them through our power of prayer, personal walk, etc.

9: *After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.*

- Ye, not We!
- Ye - Jews, not to us at all!

10: *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*

- This is not what is next on our concern list!
- This is Millennium
- This is not our prayer!!!

11: *Give us this day our daily bread.*

- **Matthew 4:4**
- **Luke 4:4**
- **John 6:41; 48; 50-51, 58.**

12: *And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

- The debt is for the working their way to heaven crowd.
- See **Romans 4:4** - *Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.*

13: *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.*

- If they followed him, He would lead them from evil!
 - **Matthew 26:41** - *Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*
 - **Luke 8:13** - *They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.*
- He did these concerning us 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.*
 - **I Corinthians 10:13** - *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*
 - **Galatians 4:14** - *And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.*
 - **I Timothy 6:9** - *But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.*

Misc. Lord's Prayer versions:

learn from 'their' bibles what they think...

New International Version

- *"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. [a]"*
- where is **verse 13b**?
- evil one?

The Message

- *"The world is full of so-called prayer warriors who are prayer - ignorant. They're full of formulas and programs and advice, peddling techniques for getting what you want from God. Don't fall for that nonsense. This is your Father you are dealing with, and he knows better than you what you need.*

- *With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply. Like this:*
- *Our Father in heaven,*
- *Reveal who you are.*
- *Set the world right;*
- *Do what's best— as above, so below.*
- *Keep us alive with three square meals.*
- *Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.*
- *Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.*
- *You're in charge!*
- *You can do anything you want!*
- *You're ablaze in beauty!*
- *Yes. Yes. Yes.*

Darby Translation

- *Thus therefore pray *ye*: Our Father who art in the heavens, let thy name be sanctified, let thy kingdom come, let thy will be done as in heaven so upon the earth; give us today our needed bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but save us from evil.*

Holman Christian Standard Bible

- *The Model Prayer*
- *"Therefore, you should pray like this:*
- *Our Father in heaven,*
- *Your name be honored as holy.*
- *Your kingdom come.*
- *Your will be done*
- *on earth as it is in heaven.*
- *Give us today our daily bread. [a]*
- *And forgive us our debts,*
- *as we also have forgiven our debtors.*
- *And do not bring us into [b] temptation,*
- *but deliver us from the evil one. [c]*
- *[For Yours is the kingdom and the power*
- *and the glory forever. Amen.] [d]*
- *Footnotes:*
 - a. **Matthew 6:11** Or our necessary bread, or our bread for tomorrow
 - b. **Matthew 6:13** Or do not cause us to come into
 - c. **Matthew 6:13** Or from evil
 - d. **Matthew 6:13** Other mss omit bracketed text

Forgiveness

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.*

- TRESPASS

- 1. Literally, to pass beyond; hence primarily, to pass over the boundary line of another's land; to enter unlawfully upon the land of another.
- 2. To commit any offense or to do any act that injures or annoys another; to violate any rule of rectitude to the injury of another.
- 3. In a moral sense, to transgress voluntarily any divine law or command; to violate any known rule of duty.
- 4. To intrude; to go too far; to put to inconvenience by demand or importunity; as, to trespass upon the time or patience of another.
- In law, violation of another's rights, not amounting to treason, felony, or misprision of either.
 - 1. Any injury or offense done to another.
 - 2. Any voluntary transgression of the moral law; any violation of a known rule of duty; sin.

- Forgiveness from the Risen Saviour!

- **Acts 13:38** - *Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:*
- **Acts 26:18** - *To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*
- **Romans 4:7** - *Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.*
- **Ephesians 1:7** - *In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*
- **Colossians 1:14** - *In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:*
- **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;*

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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!"