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Sermon on the Mount

" More Perfectly "

Part XVI

"Take No Thought... Today?"

Matthew 6:22-34

We compare what Jesus said to the Jews during the Gospels and what the Risen Christ says to us today - through Paul and the KJB!

Make your choice, but you can't have both!

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!*

- In the gospel times, they were told 'one' or the 'other' but not both!
- Carried over into the tribulation, they also will 'have' to stay away from the dark!
 - **I John 1:5** - *This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.*
 - **I John 1:6** - *If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:*
 - **I John 2:9** - *He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.*
 - **I John 2:11** - *But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.*
 - **II Peter 2:20** - *For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.*
- Paul would have us turn from darkness to light - but must it be a total change in one's personal walk?
 - **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.*
 - **Acts 26:20** - *But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.*

Two Masters?

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.*

- There are those of 'us' serious Bible Believers who have believed that we must stay away from the darkness - and yes, we should try - as much as possible and practical - but not to fear the loss of salvation or losing God's spiritual blessings - or the fear of God's judgment!
 - Yes, we are told to abhor evil and cling to that which is good!
 - **Romans 12:9** -*Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.*
 - Yes, we are told to withdraw, neither give heed, purge, reject, be not partakers with, cast off, have no fellowship, have no company, avoid, mark, etc. all that is not after Paul and the Risen Saviour!
 - Yes, even though we now know we are no longer under the law, this is why we still...
 - home-school, if we can!
 - not just public & private schools and teachers, but more home curriculums can, will, and are causing our children to:
 - learn and do things that are not expedient, according to the Scriptures!
 - to stumble!
 - feed their own flesh!
 - be not edifying with proper and truthful teachings!
 - teach their own flesh to have power over their entire being!
 - From within this world of darkness, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, we can still be hurt...
 - **Philippians 2:15,16** - *That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.*
 - We actually can watch our own children have the truth of God taught out of them!
 - They can be taught to be so wise they will become fools!
 - They will have the truth of God changed into a lie!
 - They will learn to worship the creature more than the Creator!
 - They could get to a point in their own lives that God would give them up unto vile affections!
 - They can become so against God in their knowledge, that God could give them over to a reprobate mind, thus they could grow up to be *filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.*
 - home-church!
 - Then from false teachings in the other churches, our children could actually be kept ignorant of *the riches of God's goodness and*

forbearance and longsuffering - because they won't learn *that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance!*

- home-play
 - we can control our friends and influences...
 - home-entertain
 - we can learn to enjoy what's right and to enjoy it properly as we can behave like a Christian!
 - home-relax
 - the home should have a *quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.*
 - be home-employed if we can!
 - we think we could make our own schedule - be our own boss - ha right!
 - we think we can keep out the government regulations? - ha, right!
 - stay away from places that we must stay away from
 - not read, not watch, not hear, not go, etc.
 - even may have to do without church fellowship / friends, etc. as well as the 'fun' of this world...
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But, Can We?

Can we really stay away totally from the darkness and stay in the light constantly?

- Come on - even you homeschoolers or home-whatevers...
 - **...how much of the evil communication do you allow into your home!**
 - ***I Corinthians 15:33 - Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.***
 - **...how much of the 'world' do you have around your kids and visa versa?**
 - Do you show them examples of withdrawing, neither giving heed, purging, rejecting, being not partakers with, casting off, having no fellowship, having no company, avoiding, marking, etc. all that is not after Paul and the Risen Saviour!
 - Do you also guide them to learn for themselves how to withdraw, neither give heed, purge, reject, be not partakers with, cast off, have no fellowship, have no company, avoid, mark, etc. all that is not after Paul and the Risen Saviour!
 - **...who are your friends and acquaintances?**
 - Are they of the light?
 - or the dark?
 - are they confused?
 - are they blinded by Satan / themselves?
 - are they unaware?
 - are they rebellious towards God?
 - Do they edify?
 - Do they have a "*flattering false gospel and Tribulation design of over-done charity*" towards you?
 - Claiming a verse out of dispensational placement!

- **I Peter 4:8** - *And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.*
 - This is a tribulation verse during a time when they will have to ignore the sins of others - and still love them, etc.
 - Are they a snake just waiting to get you into their little coil and then BAM, they bite you?
 - Do you allow them to slowly inject their venom into you and your family life?
 - **just how entangled are you in the affairs of this life?**
 - **II Timothy 2:4** - *No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.*
 - How much of that evil communication and those evil Hollywood communistic anti-American God hating God lying communicators do you laugh with and support their testimonies with your purchases?
 - How much of your family affection is set on *things on this earth* instead of *things above*?
 - What does your family even know about *things above*?
- **How about your job?**
 - Men?
 - Women?
 - Who influences and teaches your kids while you both work outside the home?
 - In other words, who has your kids more than you?
- **Does your place of employment 'love the truth?'**
 - If not, what do you do when truth and God, etc. is challenged?
- **Does your place of employment encourage you to 'live in truth' according to the KJB?**
 - If not, what do you do?
- **Do you really have only one master?**
 - According to Paul, is it even possible to have only one master?
 - According to Paul, are we even supposed to have only one master?
 - Is it possible to stay away from the dark totally?
- **Be on the Right-Light side always?**
 - Does anyone really think they are 'clean enough' that they warrant God's physical blessings?
 - Does God's grace exist so we can have all the 'dark' in our lives and not suffer the consequences of such darkness?
 - Does God's grace still come to us based on our walk? prayer life... or
 - does God still have to choose who gets grace and how much... or
 - does God's grace be already in a set design - it exists now in it's final form for Christians?

THEREFORE - TAKE NO THOUGHT? REALLY?

- **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?*
 - Note: Stature is 'height' - not 'reputation' - not moral or intellectual distinction - not 'girth,' etc.
- **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?*

Main thought today:

- **31:** *Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?*
 - **Are we really to TAKE NO THOUGHT about these things of life today?**
 - Do we build a wall around our house and not be concerned about anything?
 - Do we 'just let God put it all together for us?
 - Do we think we try to pray hard and do we think we live a perfectly sinless life?
 - Do we live in a fantasy world of thinking we are letting God lead our lives by our heart / feelings / inner thoughts / His sovereignty controls our life and circumstances / physical blessings?
 - **Note: If they wanted to follow Jesus, they were told to sell all!**
 - **Luke 12:33** - *Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.*
 - Are we told to also do that today?
 - Well, yes, by pastors and evangelists and the modern TV religionists, etc.
 - But does Paul teach that?
 - Is that what the Risen Christ told Paul to teach us?

**Part II - This subject was continued during the morning sermon following Sunday School
XVIIb**

God takes care of His Jews - the Gentiles seek all that 'stuff!')

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

- **Note the little 'parenthesis' - seeking "these things" is our 'nature' as Gentiles!**

- Also see **Luke 12:29,30** - *And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.*
 - Note even the doubtful mind!
 - We fight that all the time, don't we?
 - We shouldn't IF we believe that KJB to true AND that we study it properly!
- **Is it no wonder that the devil would seek to destroy us, etc. by using what we seek.**
 - The Jews seek signs, so the devil tries to show signs today to subtly keep people who are taught to seek signs from hearing the truth.
 - **II Timothy 3:7** - *Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*
 - **Daniel 12:4** - *But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.*
 - Do you want your kids to be like Daniel?
 - You know - strong / brave / stand up for right / take on the devil's lions, etc.
 - We teach our kids to sing *Dare to be a Daniel!*
 - **Daniel 1:17** - *As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.*
 - Add that song to our list of false teachings along with "*Peter, James and John in a Sailboat,*" "*Jonah,*" etc.!"
 - Satan "*teaches*" the Gentiles today to follow signs and "obedience to the gospel law" instead of "obedience to the faith" / "obedience of faith" and the inspired, preserved and that which is perfect words of God!
 - **Romans 1:5** - *By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:*
 - **Romans 16:26** - *But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:*
 - Satan then "*tempts*" the Gentiles today with trusting uncertain riches - believing that gain is godliness (even in our everyday life) - learning - being lovers of pleasures - lusts (after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears), even having a form of godliness, etc.
 - **This is all just a setup for the antichrist - the Tribulation, etc.** (NOT the "*anarchist,*" as the Message perversion Bible states!)
 - **Revelation 16:14** - *For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*
 - **II Thessalonians 2:3,4** - *Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called*

God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

**So, what does Paul say about taking no thought for our life,
what we shall eat, or what we shall drink;
nor yet for our body, what we shall put on?**

- **II Corinthians 1:12** - *For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.*
- **I Corinthians 5:9-11** - *I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.*
- **Philippians 2:15,16** - *That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.*
- **I Thessalonians 4:11,12** - *And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.*
- **II Thessalonians 3:10** - *For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.*
 - **II Thessalonians 3:12** - *Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.*
 - **Titus 2:9,10** - *Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again; Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.*
 - purloining - Literally, to take or carry away for oneself; hence, to steal; to take by theft.
 - **I Timothy 6:1,2** - *Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed. And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.*

The Kingdom of God for the Jews?

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

- **Yes, but remember, it wasn't THERE for them at that time.**
 - It was coming, "THEN those things will be added!"

- **Luke 21:31** - *So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.*
- **Even the Lord's Supper is debunked once again for us today -**
 - during the Millennium when they will partake together again!
 - **Luke 22:16-18** - *For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.*
- **Kingdom of God was offered to the Jews first!**
 - **Mark 1:15** - *And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.*
 - **Mark 4:11,12** - *And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.*
 - **Luke 18:17** - *Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.*
 - **Luke 18:24,25** - *And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.*
 - **Mark 12:24** - *And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?*
 - **Luke 17:20,21** - *And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.*
- **His righteousness?**
 - His steps in the Gospels and in the Tribulation
 - **I Peter 2:21** - *For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:*
 - rewarded in the Millennium!
- **Today - we are imputed with HIS righteousness!**
 - **Romans 4**, etc.
 - Read Paul for this marvelous information about God's imputed righteousness to us as a Christian!

Tomorrow?

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.*

- **Old Testament / Tribulation, etc. Bleak, eh!**
 - **James 4:14** - *Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*

- **Proverbs 27:1** - *Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.*
- **For Paul, it was important to redeem the time / And that is our concern today!**
 - He already knew what 'tomorrow' will bring - he wanted to make sure he did all he could while he was still here - with God's grace, of course! So why worry! Get Busy!
 - **Philippians 4:6-7** - *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

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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!'"