

Matthew 5:1-12

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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Growth Group Discussion

God’s Kingdom: It’s (Still) Not What You Think THE The KINGDOM of GOD: Trippin’ Over Torah Matthew 5.17-20

INTRODUCTION

1. Series: Matthew 5-7
2. Context: EVERYTHING viewed through THIS LENS (Matthew 4.17)
From that time Jesus began to proclaim,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”
3. The Plan and the Problem

BIBLICAL TEXTS

A. Matthew 5.17-20: **Trippin’ Over Torah**

1. Jesus’ View of Torah and Righteousness

Mt 5.17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

- Exodus 19.3-6
- Deut 4:5-8; Deut 6.4-9; Deut 10.12-13; Deut 30
- Jeremiah 31

Mt 5.18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

Mt 5.19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Mt 5.20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

LESSONS FOR TODAY: What is God saying to you today?

Next week scriptures: Matthew 5:17-20

For the week of February 7, 2021

Connect

As we are halfway through the season, share a winter memory from the past.

Reflect

Read Matthew 5:17-20.

What point from Sunday's message encouraged or challenged you?

Explore

1. The prophet Jeremiah looked forward to the day when the Law would be internal to God's people (Jeremiah 31:33). Jesus is the fulfillment of that vision (Matthew 5:17, John 6:28-29 and Philippians 3:7-9). Give an example of how you have experienced this.

2. In Matthew 5:18, Jesus set a high value on every word of the Jewish Law. Discuss this concept in light of Romans 6:15 and 7:4-6.

3. When David wrote in the Psalms about loving God's Law, what do you think he meant? (Psalm 119:161-168.) Do you love the Law in this same way?

4. Read the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20:3-17. For each one, describe the principle behind it and how the teachings of Jesus influence your interpretation of it. Share one of these commandments with the group and discuss.

BONUS: Watch a short video on the Law and how Jesus fulfilled it at www.bibleproject.com/explore/video/law

Good Good Father

Verse 1

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

Chorus

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am

Verse 2

I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word

Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Verse 3

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love

Battle Belongs

Verse 1

When all I see is the battle
You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain
You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow
Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now
For I am safe with You

Chorus

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You

Verse 2

And if You are for me
Who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing
Impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes
You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross
God You see the empty tomb

Bridge

(An) Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God
You shine in the shadows
You win every battle
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God

Tag

O God the battle belongs to You

Remembrance

Verse 1

I take the bread of life
Broken for all my sin
Your body crucified
To make me whole again

Verse 2

I will recall the cup
Poured out in sacrifice
To trade this sinner's end
For Your new covenant

Chorus 1

Hallelujah
I'll live my life in remembrance
Hallelujah
Your promise I won't forget

Verse 3

I'll walk salvation's road
With fear and trembling
Your way borne as my own
As Christ is formed in me

Chorus 2

If ever I should lose my way
If ever I deny Your grace
Remind me of the price You paid
Hallelujah
I'll live in remembrance

Bridge

You've been so so good to me
You've been so so good to me
Oh to think where I would be
If not for You
If not for You

Chorus 3

As far as heights reach from the depths
As far as east is from the west
So far Your grace has carried me

Chorus 4

Until I see You face to face
Until at last I've won my race
Remind me You're not finished yet

Cornerstone

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Interlude

He is Lord Lord of all

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne