

# **WOMEN IN THE WORD FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH**

## **THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT** Scripture Reference Notes – March 17, 2026 Week 7: A Godward Life

### **Matthew 6:1-8**

#### **Opening Truth**

“Anywhere and everywhere that you are... whatever you do, it all matters.”

But Jesus asks a deeper question:

**Whose glory are you living for?**

#### **I. The Subtle Trap of Small Glory**

*(Matthew 6:1–2, 5)*

“Take heed... to be seen by them.”

The issue is not doing good.

The issue is \_\_\_\_\_.

Hypocrite = \_\_\_\_\_.

When we seek glory from people:

- The reward is \_\_\_\_\_.
- It is \_\_\_\_\_.
- It does not \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Heart Check:**

- Do I feel disappointed when my good deeds go unnoticed?
- Is my public righteousness stronger than my private faithfulness?
- Do I subtly hope someone sees what I’ve done?

## II. The Beauty of a Father Who Sees

*(Matthew 6:4, 6)*

Repeated phrase:

“Your \_\_\_\_\_ who sees in  
\_\_\_\_\_.”

God is not described as Judge here — but as \_\_\_\_\_.

He sees:

- The unseen obedience
- The hidden sacrifice
- The whispered prayer
- The unnoticed faithfulness

When I crave being seen by others, it may reveal I am not resting in being  
\_\_\_\_\_ by God.

## III. The Freedom of Being Known

*(Matthew 6:7–8)*

“Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.”

Prayer is not:

- Informing God
- Impressing God
- Persuading God

Prayer is \_\_\_\_\_.

Because we are daughters, not performers.

### Big Idea

We are not living for the crowd.

We are living before the face of our \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Two Ways to Live**

*(Jesus contrasts two motivations, two audiences, and two rewards.)*

### **1. Two Audiences**

#### **Living for the Crowd**

“To be seen by them” (v.1)

Motivated by visibility

Needs recognition

Feels unseen unless noticed

#### **Living Before the Father**

“Your Father who sees in secret” (v.4, 6)

Motivated by devotion

Resting in relationship

Knows she is always seen

### **Heart Question:**

Whose eyes matter most to me right now?

### **2. Two Motivations**

#### **Performing**

“Sound a trumpet” (v.2)

External righteousness

Spiritual image management

Comparison-driven

#### **Belonging**

Quiet, unseen obedience

Internal surrender

Intimacy with God

Identity-secured

### **Reflection:**

Where am I tempted to perform spiritually?

### **3. Two Kinds of Prayer**

#### **Performance Prayer**

Public and polished

Many words to impress

Attempts to persuade

“They think they will be heard...” (v.7)

#### **Daughter’s Prayer**

Private and honest

Simple words of trust

Resting in being known

“Your Father knows...” (v.8)

#### **Truth:**

Prayer is not spiritual performance.

Prayer is relational dependence.

### **4. Two Rewards**

#### **The Reward of People**

Immediate applause

Fleeting affirmation

Based on performance

“They have their reward.”

#### **The Reward of the Father**

Eternal reward

Lasting pleasure

Rooted in grace

“Your Father... will reward you.”

#### **Consider:**

Which reward am I actually living for?

*Next Week – March 24, 2026  
Week 8 – A Model for Prayer*