

Matthew 5:17-48 – 8 Sept 2019

Thy Kingdom Come: Offences Obliterated

Introduction to Matthew 5-7 –

1. Jesus has just declared His Master, Mission and Mates in Matthew 4. Now as multitudes follow, He takes his disciples aside to teach them.
2. **THERE IS A KINGDOM:** a nation, that's not physical in this world. The kingdom of God, aka the kingdom of heaven. (Luke 17:20-21)
 - a. Matt 5-7 describes how to live 'in this kingdom' while still being in this world.
 - b. Matt 5-7 are Kingdom teachings
 - c. It's called The Sermon of the Mount.
3. **THE PROBLEM:** 3 people, them that is, them that ain't, and them that think they is, but ain't.
 - a. Many who've never accepted Christ's shed blood for forgiven of their sins, try living a good life (IAW these 'kingdom teachings') to feel like they're justified before God.

b. If you try to live like you're in the kingdom when you've never even been accepted into the kingdom, you'll live a self-righteous, prideful existence w/o the power to live joyfully in it.

4. HOW DO WE ENTER THE KINGDOM?

a. We all are eternal dead when we're born (I Cor 15:22)

b. It is eternal life to know Jesus (John 17:3)

c. Those that believe on Jesus can know that they have eternal life (I John 5:13)

d. Jesus said to know Him you have to be born again. Then you will see the kingdom of God (John 3:3)

5. **So you must be BORN into the kingdom before it's any good to try living as if you're a part of the kingdom.**

a. Jesus will end this Sermon on the Mount with (Matt 7:21-23)

- b. How do you do the will of the Father?
(John 6:28-29) – believe on Jesus Christ to be born again.

Over Matthew 5-7, we'll see 4 things that happen to you when you're BORN into the Kingdom.

1. The Blessing of knowing your future can start now (Matt 5:1-16)
2. Your Offences Obliterated first (Matt 5:17-48)
3. The Rewards for Right Religion (Matt 6)
4. To Nurture your Neighbors along (Matt 7)

Tonight as we look at the second one: we'll see that it takes 3 things to have our offenses obliterated.

Read Vs 17-18

#1 – To have our offenses obliterated we need to know that Jesus never offended the Law

1. Jesus came to do what no one had ever been able to do. Live the perfect life without offending in a single point!
2. Jesus has come to complete the Law
 - a. Read Rom 10:1-4 – The Law is complete, so whatever the Completer says, you can do.
 - b. Read Heb 4:15 – The Completer is now willing to advocate before God on our behalf.
3. Since the Law has been completed, the Completer now has the authority to give the reward to us!
 - a. Read Luke 16:16 – We're not under the Law anymore.
 - b. Read II Cor 5:21 – He took sin, so we can have the righteousness.

Read Vs 19

1. Our Offenses against the Law stand in direct relation to our standing in the K of H.
2. Doing and teaching the Commandments make you great in the K of H.

Read Vs 20

#2 – To have our offenses obliterated we need to know what our offenses actually are

1. You need to have great righteousness to even enter the K of H.
 - a. Problem is that “most men will declare their own righteousness.”
2. Read Luke 16:15 – It’s just the outward activity that is sin, it’s the inward thoughts.
3. Jesus will now give 5 examples for us to examine our own righteousness.
 - a. Many still think they’re good enough.

Vs 21-26 - #1 Exp: Thou shall not even be angry w/o cause

1. Read Vs 21 – “In danger of the judgement” – liable, guilty, bound to condemnation or damnation.
2. Read Vs 22 – TWO PARTS
 - a. Don’t kill=I say don’t even be angry w/o a cause.
 - b. Don’t call worthless(raca)-I say don’t even call him foolish w/o a cause
3. Vs 23-24 & Vs 25-26 - Two examples of what to do about your angry toward people.
 - a. Read Vs 23-24 – Your friends
 - i. Deal with your brother right away
 - ii. Reconcile – thoroughly mentally changed
 - b. Read Vs 25-26 – Your enemies
 - i. “agree” – Not the typical word for agree. It means to give people to one’s mind.

ii. Come to peace while you're still on the project with them.

iii. B/c your enemies will require punishment for your unjust anger.

4. Tangible examples are given for how to cover our anger with people. This begs the question, "HOW DO I PAID FOR OR COVER MY ANGER WITH GOD?"

a. Joseph & Potiphar's wife – Gen 39:7-9

b. David & Bathsheba – Psm 51:4

c. All of this detail about the depths of our sin, should draw us into saying, "I'm in a heap of trouble!"

i. As in Matt 5:26, "I have a lot of farthings to pay!!!"

Vs 27-32 - #2 Exp: Thou shalt not even lust

1. Read Vs 27-28

a. "already in the heart" – It's not what put into a person that defiles but what comes out.

- b. We're good at covering up actions when needed, but what's in heart needs dealt with.
2. Read Vs 29-30
 - a. Two examples of what to do about your lust
 - b. Put permeant measures in place to prevent
 - c. Do we value the temporary or the eternal?
 3. Read Vs 31-32
 - a. Divorce for any cause? No not unless the physical relationship has already been broken.
 - b. Divorcing the proper and right way? There is no proper and right way to sin!

Vs 33-37 - #3 Exp: Thou shall not lie at all

1. Read Vs 33-36
 - a. Law – Don't lie or perjure yourself in court
 - b. Jesus says – Don't lie at all
 - c. Having to swear at all cheapens all the other words you speak.
2. Read Vs 37 – Anything more has an ulterior motive

Read Vs 38-42 - #4 Exp: Thou shall not seek personal retribution

1. Even though we have the right within the Law to seek retribution (get paid back), in personal circumstances the better way is to be merciful to the offender.
2. Gov't Law establishes retribution, by in personal conflicts mercy is always supreme!
3. Reason Govt Law established eye for eye in the first place was to limit the human lust for revenge!
 - a. Getting more than an eye for that eye.
4. Jesus, instead of just limiting revenge to equality, says, even better seek mercy.

Vs 43-47 - #5 Exp: Be loving/gracious to all, not just friends

1. Read Vs 43-45
 - a. The Law never said hate your enemy only love your neighbor.
 - b. Jesus adds, love even those that mistreat u

2. Read Vs 46-47
 - a. Anyone can love someone when they know that they're going to receive love back.
 - b. Offering love when you know it's not coming back is grace.
 - i. That's what changes lives!!
3. One thing this section is NOT saying is that we should help people who are actively against the cause of Christ.
 - a. Read Deut 23:6
 - b. Read II John 11

Read Vs 48

#3 - To have our offenses obliterated we need to sit helplessly before a perfect and grace-filled God

1. With all of the standards laid out, we need to admit that we can't do it!
2. Read Rom 3:19 – Has your mouth been stopped of trying to justify yourself?
3. Read Jam 2:10 – The standard is perfection

4. Turn to Rom 10:1-11 (read vs 1-4 earlier)
 - a. We can't ascend up to heaven to solve our problems ourselves.
 - b. The solution isn't works, it's as close as our mouths. To believe in faith that Jesus solved the great problem of our heart.
 - c. The sin problem that is rooted in the heart, can be solved at the core heart problem with believing in Jesus payment for our sins.

Conclusion –

When you're BORN into the kingdom, you get:

1. The Blessing of knowing your future can start now (Matt 5:1-16)
 - a. Jesus teaching for us starts now.
 - b. Acting like Christ starts now by walking in the Spirit.
 - c. Living a grace-filled righteous life starts now.

- d. Earning heavenly rewards starts now.
- e. Influencing your community starts now
- f. Glorifying God starts now.

2. Your Offences Obliterated first (Matt 5:17-48)

- a. We need to know that Jesus never offended the Law**
- b. We need to know what our offenses actually are**
- c. We need to sit helplessly before a perfect and grace-filled God.**

3. The Rewards for Right Religion (Matt 6)

- a. Taught what it means to serve without gloating (Vs 1-18)
- b. Taught why to serve without gloating (vs 19-23)
- c. Taught how to serve without gloating (vs 24-34)

4. To Nurture your Neighbors along (Matt 7)