

Matthew 5:1-16 – 1 Sept 2019

Thy Kingdom Come: Hoping In The Future, Living In Grace Now

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 first one: we'll see 6 blessings from your future that can start right now

Read Vs 1-2

1. This teaching is to His disciples, not for the masses.

1st blessing from your future that can start right now is that Jesus wants to teach you.

2. Jesus first preached repentance, but **He also spends lots of His time teaching** His disciples.
 - a. Paul did the same thing.
 - b. Most churches today can learn from this.

Read Vs 3

1. John came preaching, repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Matt 3:2)
2. Jesus came preaching, repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Matt 4:17)
3. Now for those who know they are spiritually helpless; it's declared you'll inherit the K of H.

4. Jesus will end in Matt 7:21 declaring, not everyone who claims it, but those that do the will of my Father will get it. (Will of Father = believe)

Read Vs 4-5

1. The K of H that is coming is the 1,000-year reign of Christ on this rejuvenated earth. (Vs 5)
2. Even in vs 4, this comes from Isa 61:2.
 - a. Jesus began to say this and stopped just before day of vengeance. (Luk 4:18-19)
 - i. This was chronologically just b4 S on the M
 - b. Now in Matt 5:4, Jesus is speaking of things just after the day of vengeance, when He sets up the K of H for 1,000-years.

2nd blessing from your future that can start right now is that Jesus enables us to bear fruit in the Spirit.

3. Also from vs 5 – how to act meek
 - a. Restrained power
 - b. Jesus 2x called Himself meek
 - c. **Walk in the Spirit – it's a natural fruit**

Read Vs 6-7

3rd blessing from your future that can start right now is that we can live a grace-filled righteous life.

1. **Striving for good in yourself but accepting imperfection and struggling from others.**
 - a. Don't we often pray the other way around?
2. Are we willing to treat ourselves and others this proper way, knowing our reward is coming?

Read Vs 8

1. If none other of these tell you that we can't obtain this state being talking about...let this one!
2. Our heart is desperately wicked and deceitful.

Read Vs 9-10

1. There's a time to make peace and there's a time to stand on God's Word even if the circumstances aren't in favor of hearing it.
2. Also I believe these are personality type in different people.
 - a. John the Baptist was gifted to stand up to the point of persecution.
 - b. Barnabas was a gifted peacemaker (Acts 13-15)
3. Vs 11-12 is now an emphasis of vs 9-10

Read Vs 11-12

4th blessing from your future that can start right now is we can start earning heavenly rewards.

1. Notice suffering **FOR HIS SAKE**
2. **To the extent we strive for godliness here is the extent to which we'll be rewarded there!**

3. Just like the prophets – in this life, we may “receive not the promise”, but it’s laid up for us waiting to be delivered. (Heb 11:39)

Read Vs 13

5th blessing from your future that can start right now is we can influence friends to come with us.

1. Salt was the preserving agent of the day.
2. **Just as salt, we’re not tasked with preventing the corruption in the world, we just arrest the corruption by abiding in the vine.**
 - a. Speaks to the large question of whether this kingdom is coming to this world now. No, this world will burn up with fire.
3. If the salt loses its saltiness, it’s no good.
 - a. Speaks to the importance of using the Spirit of the Lord in us during this life.

Read Vs 14-15

1. Where did we get this light from and what is it?
 - a. Read John 1:4-7
2. We offer light to others
 - a. It's shows we're different than others
 - b. It's something helpful, not like darkness
3. It would do no good if we didn't reveal it to others.

Read Vs 16

1. "See your good works"
 - a. Good works begin with believing God.
(John 6:29)

6th blessing from your future that can start right now is we can glorify God!

2. "**Glorify your Father**"
 - a. Do our right beliefs and good works point people to honoring God?

Act Now, Receive Later – Salt & Light

1. All this talk of the hope we have in what the future will be, ends with vs 13-16.
2. **BECAUSE we will receive later, glorify God now.**
3. **BECAUSE we will receive later, live your life in front of others on purpose.**

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. Our offences are more than physical
 - b. Our offences are in the heart
 - c. Jesus completed the Law and the intent of the Law.
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)