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A STUDY ON
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MATTHEW 6:1-8, 16-18

"BEWARE OF PRACTICING YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS BEFORE
OTHER PEOPLE IN ORDER TO BE SEEN BY THEM, FOR THEN YOU WILL
HAVE NO REWARD FROM YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN

- VS 1

"WE TEND TO THINK OF SIN AS WE SEE IT IN RAGS AND IN THE GUTTERS OF LIFE WE LOOK AT A DRUNKARD, POOR FELLOW, AND WE SAY, THERE IS SIN BUT THAT IS NOT THE ESSENCE OF SIN TO HAVE A REAL PICTURE AND A TRUE UNDERSTANDING OF SIN, YOU MUST LOOK AT SOME GREAT SAINT, SOME UNUSUALLY DEVOUT AND DEVOTED MAN, LOOK AT HIM THERE ON HIS KNEES IN THE VERY PRESENCE OF GOD EVEN THERE SELF IS INTRUDING ITSELF, AND THE TEMPTATION IS FOR HIM TO THINK ABOUT HIMSELF, TO THINK PLEASANTLY AND PLEASURABLY ABOUT HIMSELF AND TO REALLY BE WORSHIPING HIMSELF RATHER THAN GOD THAT, NOT THE OTHER, IS THE TRUE PICTURE OF SIN THE OTHER IS SIN, OF COURSE, BUT THERE YOU DO NOT SEE IT AT ITS ACME, YOU DO NOT SEE IT IN ITS ESSENCE "

— MARTIN LLOYD-JONES

"THUS, WHEN YOU GIVE TO THE NEEDY, SOUND NO TRUMPET
BEFORE YOU, AS THE HYPOCRITES DO IN THE SYNAGOGUES
AND IN THE STREETS, THAT THEY MAY BE PRAISED BY OTHERS

- VS 2

"AND WHEN YOU PRAY, YOU MUST NOT BE LIKE THE HYPOCRITES
FOR THEY LOVE TO STAND AND PRAY IN THE SYNAGOGUES
AND AT THE STREET CORNERS, THAT THEY MAY BE SEEN BY OTHERS

– VS 5

"AND WHEN YOU PRAY, DO NOT HEAP UP EMPTY PHRASES
AS THE GENTILES DO, FOR THEY THINK THAT THEY WILL BE
HEARD FOR THEIR MANY WORDS DO NOT BE LIKE THEM, FOR
YOUR FATHER KNOWS WHAT YOU NEED BEFORE YOU ASK HIM

– vv 7-8

"AND WHEN YOU FAST, DO NOT LOOK GLOOMY
LIKE THE HYPOCRITES, FOR THEY DISFIGURE THEIR FACES
THAT THEIR FASTING MAY BE SEEN BY OTHERS

– VS 16

"WE ARE TEMPTED TO WEAR A DIFFERENT MASK AND PLAY A DIFFERENT ROLE ACCORDING TO EACH OCCASION THIS IS NOT REALITY BUT PLAY-ACTING, WHICH IS THE ESSENCE OF HYPOCRISY SOME PEOPLE WEAVE 'ROUND THEMSELVES SUCH A TISSUE OF LIES THAT THEY CAN NO LONGER TELL WHICH PART OF THEM IS REAL AND WHICH IS MAKE-BELIEVE "

- D A CARSON

TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, THEY HAVE RECEIVED THEIR REWARD

– VV 2, 5, 16

BUT WHEN YOU GIVE TO THE NEEDY, DO NOT LET
YOUR LEFT HAND KNOW WHAT YOUR RIGHT HAND IS DOING,
SO THAT YOUR GIVING MAY BE IN SECRET

– VV 3-4

BUT WHEN YOU PRAY, GO INTO YOUR ROOM AND SHUT THE DOOR
AND PRAY TO YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN SECRET

– VS 6

"THE ESSENCE OF THE BIBLICAL TEACHING ON SIN IS THAT IT IS ESSENTIALLY
A DISPOSITION IT IS A STATE OF HEART I SUPPOSE WE CAN SUM IT UP
BY SAYING THAT SIN IS ULTIMATELY SELF-WORSHIP AND SELF-ADULATION
AND OUR LORD SHOWS (WHAT TO ME IS AN ALARMING AND TERRIFYING
THING) THAT THIS TENDENCY ON OUR PART TO SELF-ADULATION IS
SOMETHING THAT FOLLOWS US EVEN INTO THE VERY PRESENCE OF GOD "

- MARTIN LLOYD-JONES

BUT WHEN YOU FAST, ANOINT YOUR HEAD AND WASH
YOUR FACE, THAT YOUR FASTING MAY NOT BE SEEN
BY OTHERS BUT BY YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN SECRET

– vv 17-18

"SHOW WHAT YOU ARE TEMPTED TO HIDE,
HIDE WHAT YOU ARE TEMPTED TO SHOW "

- FF BRUCE

AND YOUR FATHER WHO SEES IN SECRET WILL REWARD YOU

– VV 4, 6, 18

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