

# GOD'S WORD



FOR LIFE



## The Invitation to Prayer

Matthew 9:37-38

Jesus Teaches Us to Pray

## SERIES OVERVIEW:

- Jesus invites us to pray, and He even shares a prayer request of His own: pray for laborers. In His compassion, He invites those laborers to come unto Him and rest, and ultimately, He prays for all of us -even with our personality differences- to be one!

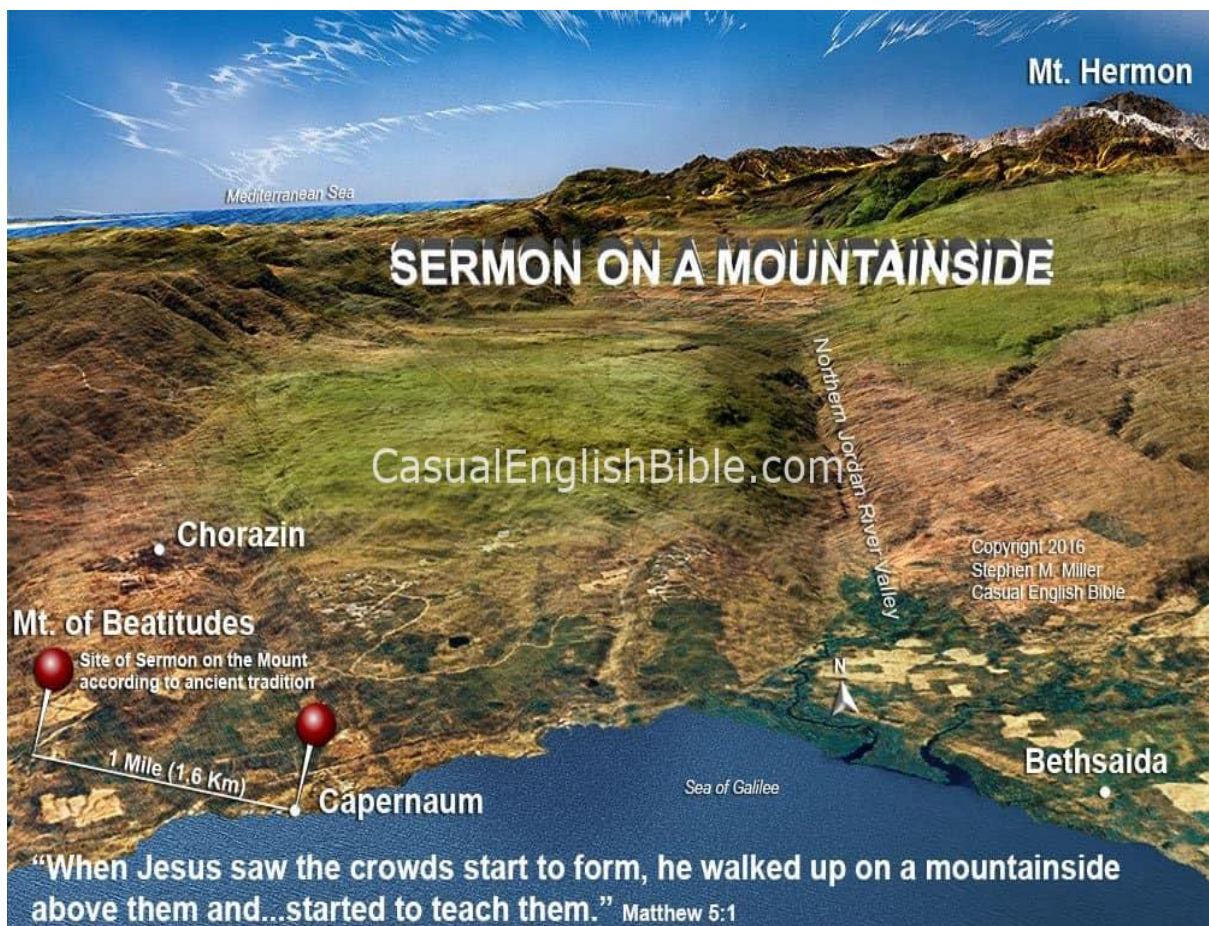
## TRUTH ABOUT GOD:

- Yahweh invites us into the Harvest.

## TRUTH FOR MY LIFE:

- I will pray and I will labor.

## THE CONTEXT:





- The Teaching of the Sermon on the Mount on Mt. Beatitudes.
- The Healing of the Leper on the Tour of Galilee.
- The Healing of the Centurion's Servant at Capernaum.
- The Healing of Apostle Peter's Mother-in-Law at Capernaum.
- The Raising from the Dead of the Widow's Son at Nain.
- The Calming of the Storms on the Sea of Galilee.
- The Casting out of Demons from the two Men of Gergesenes.
- The Forgiving and Healing of the Man of Palsy at Nazareth
- The Healing of the Woman with the Issue of Blood at Capernaum.
- The Raising from the Dead of Jairus' Daughter at Capernaum.
- The Giving of Sight of two Blind Men on the Tour of Galilee.
- The Giving of Hearing and Casting out a Demon of a Man on the Tour of Galilee.

#### **THE TEXT: MATTHEW 9:35-10:14**

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, **teaching** in their Synagogues, **preaching** the **Gospel of the Kingdom**, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. <sup>36</sup> But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with **compassion** for them, because they were **weary** and **scattered**, like sheep having no **shepherd**.



- Teaching-*didasko*- to impart instruction, to explain, to expound a thing, or to instill doctrine into one.
- Preaching-*kerusso*- to publish, to proclaim, or to be a herald.
- Gospel-*euangelion*- a reward for a good tiding or the glad tidings of the Kingdom of God son to be set up.
- Kingdom-*basileia*- royal power, dominion, the territory where the Word of the King is obeyed.
- Compassion-*splagchnizomai*- to be moved as to one's bowels (for the bowels were thought to be the seat of love and pity).
- Weary-*eklyo*- to make faint hearted, to dissolve, to weaken, or to exhaust.
- Scattered-*ripto*- to cast down, to throw down, or to throw to the ground.
- Shepherd-*poimen*- the presiding officer, a manager, an overseer, or a leader.
- **When you see people who are scattered like sheep without a shepherd, what do you feel about them?**

<sup>37</sup>Then He said to His Disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. <sup>38</sup>Therefore pray the Lord of the Harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

- Disciples-*mathetes*- a learner, a pupil, or a follower.
- Harvest-*therismos*- of the gathering of Mankind into the Kingdom of God
- Laborers-*ergates*- an agricultural worker, a workman, or one who works for hire.
- **What do you think of when you think of filling up the field?**

<sup>10:1</sup> And when He had called His Twelve Disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. <sup>2</sup> Now the names of the Twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

- Gave-*didomee*- to grant, to supply, to furnish, to deliver, to permit one, or to authorize.

- Power-*exousia*- liberty, jurisdiction, right, authority, or strength.
- Apostles-*Apostolos*- messenger or one sent forth with orders.
- Betrayed-*paradidomi*- to deliver up, to give up, or to commit over.

<sup>5</sup>These Twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the Way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup>But go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And as you go, preach, saying, 'The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.' <sup>8</sup>Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. <sup>9</sup>Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts, <sup>10</sup>nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food.

- Freely-*dorean*- without a cause, gratuitously, or undeservedly.
- Receive-*lambano*- to take with the hand, to take in order to carry away, or to take what is one's own.
- Give-*didomi*- to give something to someone or to bestow as a gift.
- Worthy-*axios*- weighing, having value, befitting, or corresponding to a thing.
- Food-*trophe*- nourishment, rations, or wages.
- **Do you feel empowered by Yahweh to carry out the mission to glorify Him and make Disciples for Him? If not, what do you lack?**

<sup>11</sup>"Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out. <sup>12</sup>And when you go into a household, greet it. <sup>13</sup>If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup>And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. <sup>15</sup>Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the Day of Judgment than for that city!

- Judgment-*krisis*- a separating, a sundering, a selection, or an opinion.
- **What will change in your life as you begin or continue to labor in the field?**

### OUR PRAYER FOCUS:

- For Yahweh to send forth laborers into the Harvest!
- For Yahweh to send us into the Harvest!