

GOD'S WORD



FOR LIFE



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:

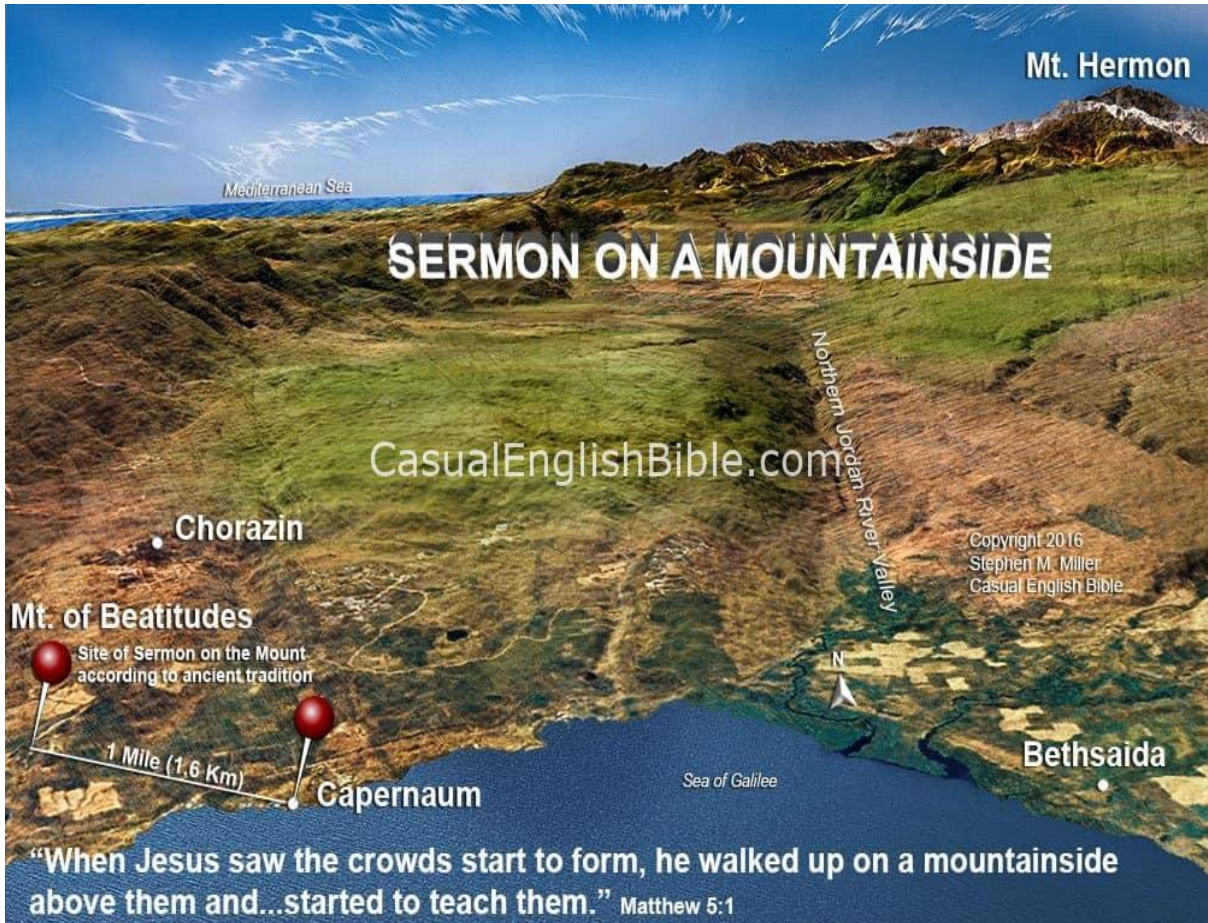
- Yahweh invites us to pray.

TRUTH FOR MY LIFE:

- I will follow Jesus's pattern for prayer.

THE CONTEXT:

- The Preaching of the Baptism of Repentance for the Remission of Sins by John the Baptist.
- The Baptism by John of Jesus Christ and the Public Acknowledgement by the Heavenly Father.
- The Fasting in the Wilderness of Judea for 40 days and the Temptation by Satan.
- The Turning of the water into wine in Cana of Galilee.
- The Cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem on Passover.
- The Ministry in Judea alongside and baptizing more Disciples than John the Baptist.
- The Ministry in Samaria with the Woman at the Well and then with the entire town.
- The Revelation and the Rejection of Jesus' Messiahship in Nazareth of Galilee.
- The Relocation of Jesus' base of ministry to Capernaum of Galilee!
- The Ministry of Galilee that drew multitudes Galilee, Syria, Judea, and Decapolis.
- And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His Disciples came to Him. ² Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying (MATTHEW 5:1-2).
- And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, ²⁹ **for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the Scribes (MATTHEW 7:28-29)**.



THE TEXT: MATTHEW 6:1-18

Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them.

- Charitable deeds-*eleemosyne*-mercy pity, donations to the poor.
- Seen-*theaomai*-to behold, to look upon, to view attentively.
- Men-*anthropos*-a human being distinguished from animals, plants, or angels.

Otherwise, you have no reward from your Father in Heaven. ²Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the Synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

- Reward-*misthos*-dues paid for work, hire, or wages.
- Father-*pater*-generator, originator, or male ancestor.
- Hypocrites-*hypokrites*-one who answers, interpreter, actor, dissembler, or pretender.
- Glory-*doxazo*-to praise, magnify, honor, or make renowned.

³But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

- Secret-*kryptos*-hidden, concealed, or inward.
- Openly-*phaneros*-manifest, outwardly, or apparent.

And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the Synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men.

Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

- Pray-*proseuchomai*-to supplicate, to worship, to solemn request, to wish or to express thanks to a deity.
- Do you struggle to have a private conversation with Yahweh? If so, why do you think you struggle and how can you ask Yahweh to help you?

⁶But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

- Room-*tameion*-closet, secret chamber, a storage chamber, an inner chamber.

⁷And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸“Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

- Vain repetitions-*battalogeo*-to stammer, to repeat the same things over and over, to use many idle words, or to babble.
- Heathen-*ethnikos*- savoring of the nature of pagans, alien to the worship of the true God.
- Heard-*eisakouo*-to give heed to, comply with, to listen to, assent to, a request, of persons offering prayers to God.
- Need-*chreia*-lack, necessity, sustenance, or wants.
- Why do you think some people don't expect Yahweh to answer their prayer? How can a seemingly unanswered prayer be the right answer?

⁹In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name. ¹⁰Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

- Hallowed-*hagiazō*-sanctify, be holy, venerable, separate, dedicated, consecrated.
- How do you use the Lord's Prayer in your daily devotion
- Kingdom-*basileia*-royal power, dominion, the territory where the Word of the King is obeyed.

¹¹Give us this day our daily bread.

- Daily-*epiousios*-the bread that suffices for each day.
- Bread-*artos*-food of any kind or usual sustenance.

¹²And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. (¹⁴“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.)

- Forgive-*aphiemi*-to send away, to bid going away, to let go, or to omit.
- Debts-*opheilema*-that which is owed, that which is justly or legally due.
- Trespasses-*paraptoma*-unintentional error or willful transgression, fault, offence or sin.
- What is the most bizarre you have every prayed? What is the most powerful prayer you have every prayed?

¹³ And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

- Lead-*eisphero*-to bring into or to carry inwardly.
- What would look different in your life if Yahweh set up His Throne in your home?

¹⁶ Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

- Fast-*nesteuo*-to abstain from food and drink for religious exercise.
- Sad countenance-*skythropos*-gloomy or mournful appearance.
- Disfigure-*aphanizo*-to deprive of luster or to render unsightly.

¹⁷ But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

OUR PRAYER FOCUS:

- Thank Yahweh for His invitation to pray!
- For Yahweh to help us to faithfully pray!