

Sermon on the Mount

Lesson 4 – Righteousness in Worship

Matthew 6:1-18

Many have called the Sermon on the Mount an _____ message for the newly chosen twelve apostles. Though it was preached on a specific mountain at a specific time, this is a wonderful example of what Jesus taught every day! Let's sit at the feet of Jesus and learn too!

“After rejecting the Pharisaic interpretation of the law, Christ now moved on to show that the Pharisees’ practices, arising out of their interpretation of the law, were likewise to be _____.”

“Take heed (Lit. _____) that ye do not your alms (Lit. _____) before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.” Matthew 6:1

I. Introduction to Righteous in Worship

- “Acts of righteousness” –

- “to be seen of them” –

- “ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.” –

II. Three Areas of Worship and the Righteous Practice God Rewards

A. Worship of Alms – Charitable Deeds

“Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a _____ before thee, as the _____ do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have _____ of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.” Matthew 6:2

Wrong Alms –

“But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: ⁴ That thine alms may be in _____: and thy Father which seeth in _____ himself shall reward thee openly.” Matthew 6:3-4

Righteous Alms –

B. Worship of Prayer – Conversation with God

“And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the _____ are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the _____ of the streets, that they may be _____ of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.” Matthew 6:5

Wrong Prayer –

“But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in _____; and thy Father which seeth in _____ shall reward thee openly. ⁷ But when ye pray, use not _____ repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their _____ speaking. ⁸ Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father _____ what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.” Matthew 6:6-8

Righteous Prayer –

“The Lord’s Prayer” – “The _____ Prayer”

- Directed to God

“After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

¹⁰ Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.” Matthew 6:9-13

Appendix to Forgiveness:

**“For if ye _____ men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also _____ you: ¹⁵ But if ye _____ not men their trespasses, neither will your Father _____ your trespasses.”
Matthew 6:14-15**

III. Worship of Fasting

**“Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the _____, of a _____ countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may _____ unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.”
Matthew 6:16**

Wrong Fasting –

“But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; ¹⁸ That thou _____ not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in _____: and thy Father, which seeth in _____, shall reward thee openly.” Matthew 5:17-18

Righteous Fasting –

- Biblical reasons to fast

- Results of fasting

IV. Believer's Application

The believer's fight against hypocrisy: