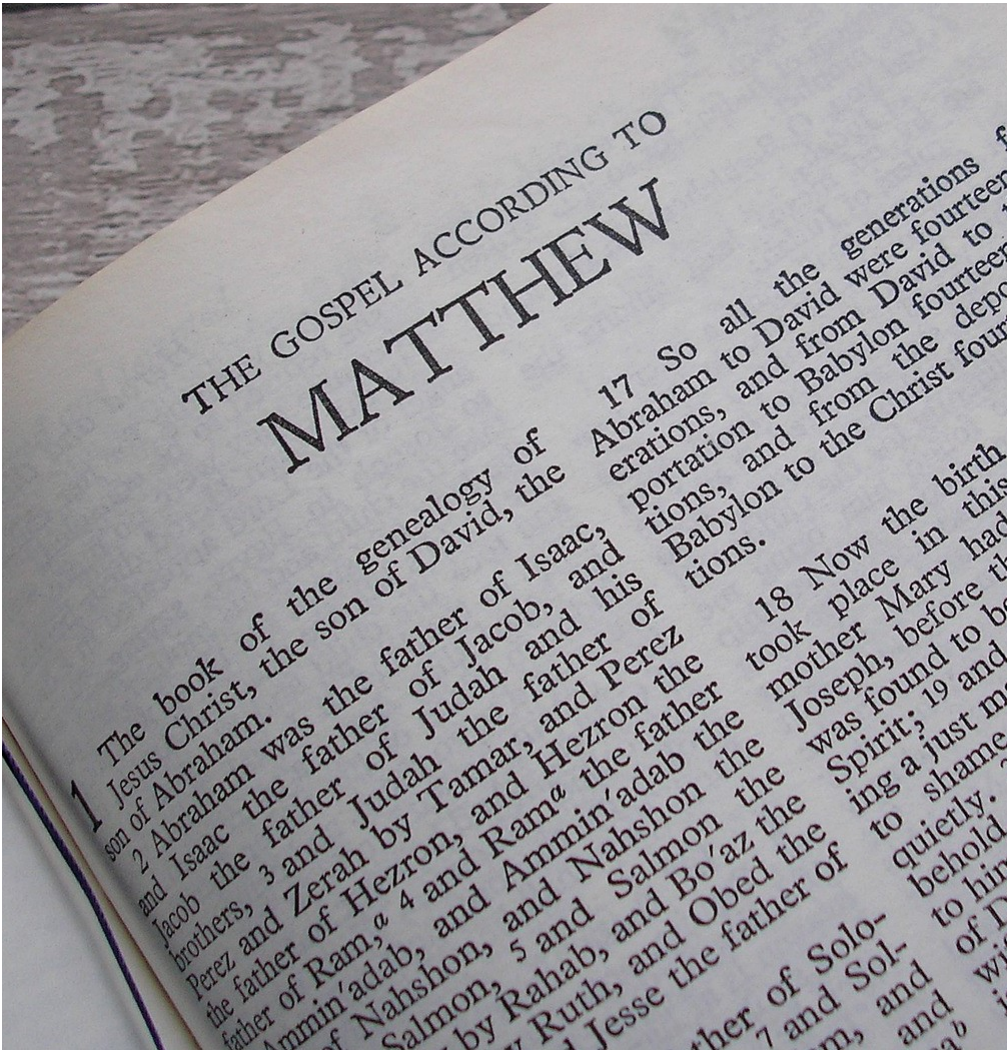


Let's Worship God

12th-17th September 2022
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Monday - Matthew 21:23-32 - Wisdom and Repentance

Notice the wisdom with which our Lord replies to the questions put to Him. His enemies ask Him for His authority for doing what He does. They probably intend to make His answer a handle for accusing Him. He knows their hearts and asks a counter question. This question is, in reality, an answer to His enemies. He knows they can not deny that John the Baptist is a man sent from God. He knows that He can remind them of John's testimony to Himself. John calls Him "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world?" If Jesus' enemies acknowledge that John's authority comes from heaven, they must acknowledge that Jesus Himself is the Christ. Let us pray that, in this difficult world, we may have the same kind of wisdom which Jesus has here.

Notice what immense encouragement our Lord holds out to those who repent. We see this brought out in the parable of the two sons. Both are told to go and work in their father's vineyard. One son, flatly refuses to obey, but afterwards repents and goes. The other, pretends to be willing to go, but in reality doesn't obey. "Which of the two," says our Lord, "did the will of his father?" Even his enemies have to reply, "the first." The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is infinitely willing to receive sinners. It doesn't matter what a man has been in the past. Does he repent, and come to Christ? Then old things are passed away, and all things are become new. It matters nothing how self-confident a man's profession of faith may be. Does he really give up his sins? If not, his profession is abominable in God's sight, and he himself is still under the curse. Let us take courage ourselves, if we have been great sinners. Repent and believe in Christ, and there is hope.

Questions

1. Why does Jesus ask the Pharisees about John the Baptist?
2. What does this parable tell us about repentance?

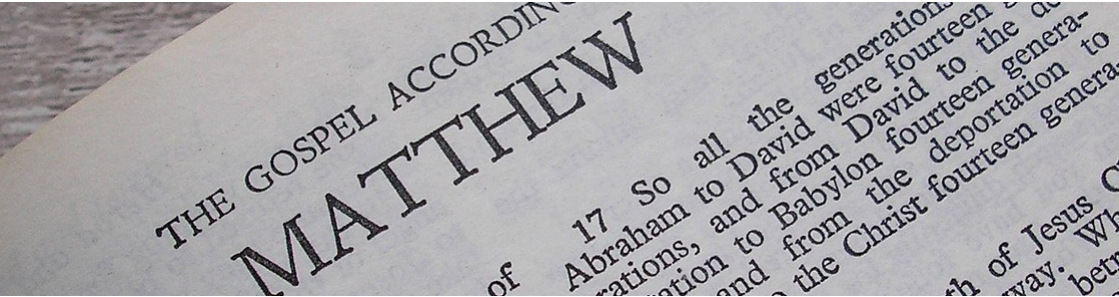
Prayer Points

1. Pray for the salvation of family and friends.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" Matthew 6:25b

Praise: Psalm 28 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Tuesday - Matthew 21:33-46 - The Lord's Vineyard

God chooses Israel to be His people. He separates them from the other nations of the earth, and gives them countless blessings. He gives them revelations of Himself, the law, and the covenant while all the rest of the earth is in darkness. God deals with the Jews as a man deals with a piece of land which he fences out and cultivates, while all the fields around are left untilled and waste. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. We have privileges as well - we have the Bible and freedom to read it. We have the Gospel and spiritual mercies in abundance.

When the Lord separates the Jews from other people, He has a right to expect that they will serve Him and obey His laws. When a man has taken pains with a vineyard, he has a right to expect fruit. But Israel hardens themselves in sin and unbelief. They turn aside after idols. They don't keep God's law; they despise His worship. They refuse to listen to His prophets. They abuse those whom He sends to call them to repentance. And finally they bring their wickedness to a height, by killing the Son of God Himself, even Christ the Lord. And what are we doing ourselves with our privileges? The fruit that the Lord receives from His vineyard in Great Britain, compared with what it ought to be, is disgracefully small.

A time comes when the patience of God towards the Jews has an end. Forty years after our Lord's death, they receive a heavy punishment for their many sins. Their holy city, Jerusalem, is destroyed. Their temple is burned. They themselves are scattered over the face of the earth. Will the same thing ever happen to us? Much has been given to us, and much will be required.

Questions

1. What privileges did God give the Israelites?
2. What privileges has God given you?

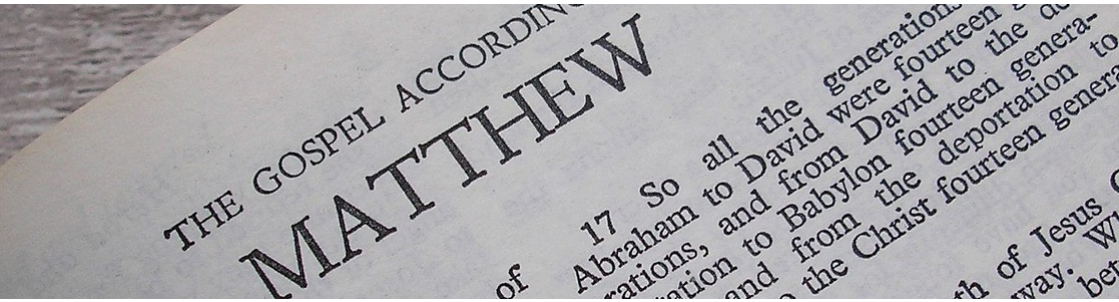
Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would make the most of the privileges God has given us.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" Matthew 6:25b

Praise: Psalm 29 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Wednesday - Matthew 22:1-14 - The Marriage Supper

There is in the Gospel a supply of everything we need to relieve spiritual hunger and spiritual thirst. Pardon, peace with God, hope in this world, glory in the world to come, are set before us in rich abundance. All this provision is owing to the love of the Son of God, Jesus Christ our Lord. He offers to unite us to Himself--to restore us to the family of God as dear children--to clothe us with His own righteousness--to give us a place in His kingdom, and to present us faultless before His Father's throne at the last day. The Gospel, in short, is an offer of food to the hungry - joy to the mourner - a home to the outcast - a loving friend to the lost.

There is nothing lacking on God's part for the salvation of sinners' souls. No one will ever be able to say at last that it is God's fault, if he is not saved. The Father is ready to love and receive. The Son is ready to pardon and cleanse guilt away. The Spirit is ready to sanctify and renew. Angels are ready to rejoice over the returning sinner. Grace is ready to assist him. The Bible is ready to instruct him. Heaven is ready to be his everlasting home. But the sinner must be ready and willing himself.

There are thousands of hearers of the Gospel who get from it no benefit whatever. They do not perhaps hate it, or oppose it, or scoff at it, but they do not receive it into their hearts. They like other things far better. Their money, their business, or their pleasures, are all far more interesting to them than their souls. There will always be some false believers in the Church. But there will be no deception at the last day. The eye of God will discern who are His own people, and who are not. None but true believers shall sit down at the marriage supper of the Lamb. Have we or have we not got on the wedding garment? Have we put on Christ?

Questions

1. Who is to blame for not believing in Christ?
2. Who will be at the marriage supper of the Lamb?

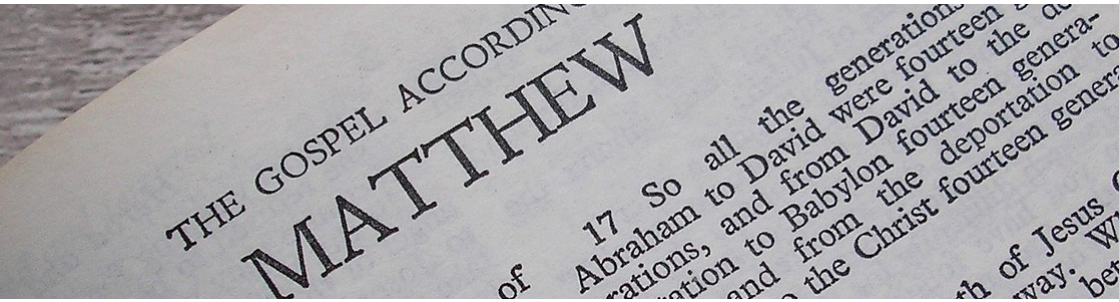
Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preaching of the Word.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

“Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?” Matthew 6:25b

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Thursday - Matthew 22:15-22 - Testing Jesus

Jesus' enemies use flattering language to speak with Him. Let us beware of the flatterer. Satan is never so dangerous as when he appears as an angel of light. The world is never so dangerous to the Christian as when it smiles.

The Pharisees and Herodians ask whether it is lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not. If Jesus replies that it is lawful to pay tax, they will denounce Him to the people as one who dishonours the privileges of Israel, and considers the children of Abraham no longer free, but subjects to a foreign power. If He, on the other hand, replies that it is not lawful to pay tax, they will denounce Him to the Romans as a rebel against Caesar, who refuses to pay his taxes. But our Lord's conduct completely baffles them. He demands to see the money. He asks them whose head is on that coin. They reply, Caesar's. They acknowledge that Caesar has some authority over them, by using money bearing his image. And at once they receive an irresistibly conclusive answer to their question - "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

We may not approve of every requirement of our government. But we must submit to the laws of the land, so long as those laws do not require us to sin. We must "give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's." But if Caesar coins a new Gospel, he is not to be obeyed. We must "give to God the things that are God's." In order to have a right judgment in all questions of this kind, every true Christian should constantly pray for wisdom from above. The man who daily seeks for grace and practical common sense, will never be allowed greatly to err.

Questions

1. What did the Pharisees ask Jesus?
2. How did Jesus reply?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that you would have wisdom in serving God.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" Matthew 6:25b

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Friday - Matthew 22:23-33 - The Resurrection

The Sadducees come to our Lord with a story which is probably invented for the occasion. There will always be those who make imaginary difficulties their excuse for unbelief. But we should remember that we don't know everything God knows - there will be things we can't understand. But there are countless truths in the Bible which are clear and unmistakable that we should believe and obey.

Our Lord places before the Sadducees the words which God speaks to Moses - "I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." He adds the comment, "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." At the time when Moses hears these words, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob have been dead and buried many years. And yet God speaks of them as being still His people, and of Himself as being still their God. He doesn't say, "I was their God," but "I am." Let us settle it in our minds, that the dead are in one sense still alive. From our eyes they have passed away. But in the eyes of God they live, and will one day come forth from their graves to receive an everlasting sentence.

Jesus shows that the Sadducees don't understand the resurrection. They assume it will be like life on earth. But in heaven we will not hunger or thirst. Sickness, pain, and disease, will not be known. Wasting, old age, and death will have no place. Marriages and births will not be needed. They who are once admitted into heaven shall dwell there for evermore. And, one thing we are told plainly - we shall be "as the angels of God." Like them, we shall serve God perfectly, unhesitatingly, and unweariedly. Like them, we shall ever be in God's presence. Like them, we shall ever delight to do His will. Like them, we shall give all glory to the Lamb.

Questions

1. How does Jesus answer the Sadducees?
2. What do we know about Heaven?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for eternal life in Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" Matthew 6:25b

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Saturday - Matthew 22:34-46 - Love

Love is the secret of true obedience to God. When we love Him, we delight to do His will. We shall not find His commandments a burden, and work for Him like slaves under fear of the whip. We take pleasure in trying to keep His laws, and mourn when we break them. No one works so well as those who work out of love. The fear of punishment, or the desire of reward, have far less power. They do the will of God best, who do it from the heart. Love is the secret of right behaviour towards our fellow men. He who loves his neighbour will not want to hurt him. But he will not stop there. He will want to do him good. He will try to lighten his sorrows, and increase his joys. When a man loves us, we know that he will never intentionally do us harm, and that in every time of need he will be our friend.

How do we get this love towards God? We are born in sin, and, as sinners, are afraid of God. How then can we love Him? We can never really love Him until we are at peace with Him through Christ. When our sins are forgiven, and we are reconciled to God, then, and not until then, we shall love Him and have the spirit of adoption. How shall we get this love towards our neighbour? We are born selfish, hateful, and hating one another. We shall never love our fellow man until our hearts are changed by the Holy Spirit. We must be born again. We must put off the old man, and put on the new, and receive the mind that is in Christ Jesus. Then, and not until then, our cold hearts will know true God-like love towards all.

What do we think of Christ? What do we think of His life, and what of His death? What do we think of His resurrection and ascension? Is He precious to our souls? Can we truly say He is my Redeemer, and my Saviour, my Shepherd, and my Friend?

Questions

1. What is the secret of obedience to God?
2. How do we get love towards God?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

"Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" Matthew 6:25b

Praise: Psalm 33 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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