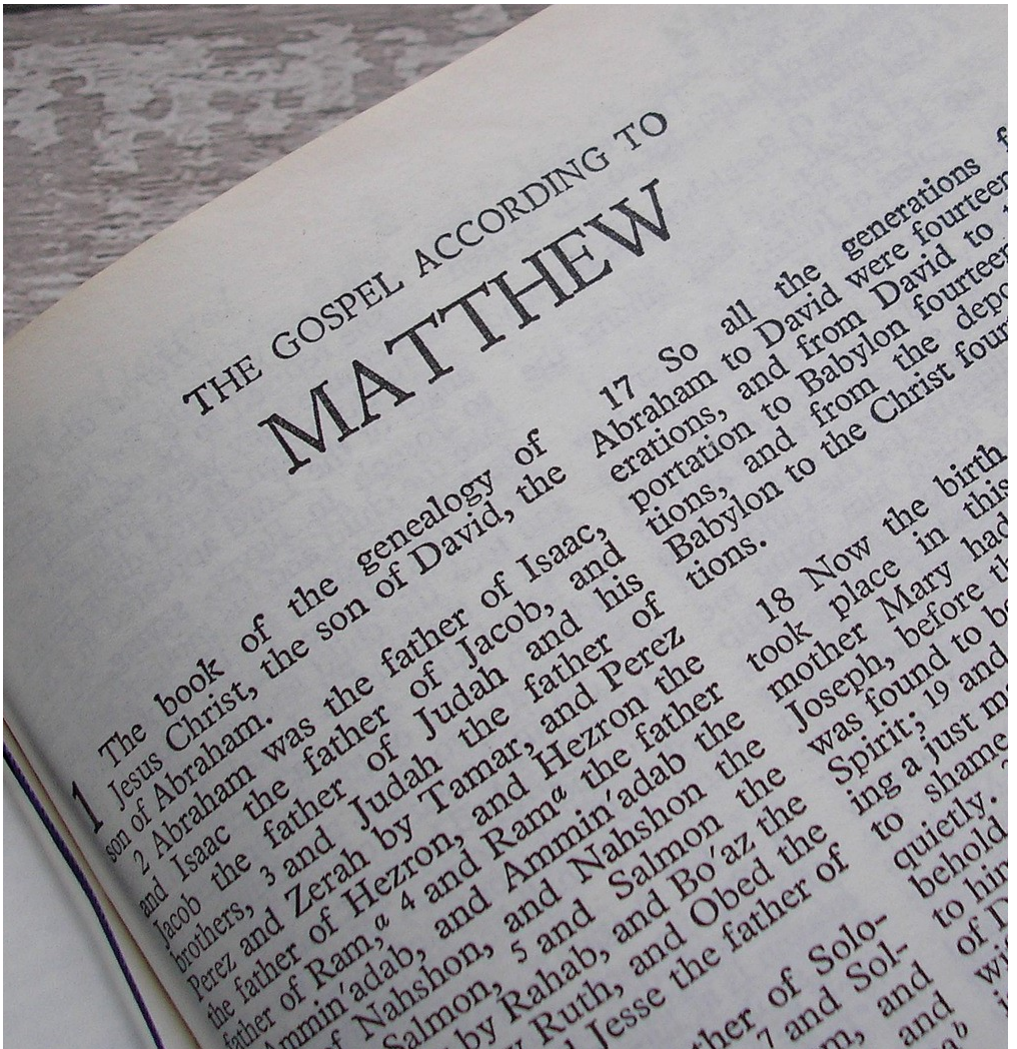


# Let's Worship God

19th-24th September 2022

Matthew



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## Monday - Matthew 23:1-12 - Humility

The very first thing our Lord says of the Pharisees is, that "they say, and do not." They require from others what they do not practice themselves. Our Lord declares that they do all their works "to be seen of men." They want to make people think how holy they are. Our Lord tells us that the Pharisees love to have "the chief seats" given them in public places, and to have flattery addressed to them. Against all these things our Lord would have us watch and pray. They are soul-ruining sins.

Christians must never give to any man the titles and honours which are due to God alone and to His Christ. We are not forbidden to respect ministers very highly in love for their work's sake. (1 Thess. 5:13.) But still we must be very careful that we do not give to ministers a place and an honour which do not belong to them. We must never allow them to come between ourselves and Christ. The very best are not infallible. They are not priests who can atone for us. They are not mediators who can represent us with God. They are sinful men like ourselves, needing the same cleansing blood, and the same renewing Spirit, set apart to a high and holy calling, but still after all, only men. Let us never forget these things. Human nature would always rather lean on a visible minister, than an invisible Christ.

He that would be great in the eyes of Christ, must aim at a totally different mark from that of the Pharisees. His aim must be, not so much to rule, as to serve the Church. The desire of the Christian must be to do good, and to give himself, and all that he has, to the service of others, to be humble. No grace is so beautiful, however much despised by the world. No grace is such an evidence of saving faith and true conversion to God. No grace is so often commended by our Lord.

### Questions

1. What sins does Jesus condemn in the Pharisees' lives?
2. How are we great in the eyes of Christ?

### Prayer Points

1. Pray that you would grow in humility.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

"Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

Matthew 6:26

**Praise: Psalm 34 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## **Tuesday - Matthew 23:13-33 - Hypocrites**

Standing in the midst of the temple, with a listening crowd around Him, Jesus publicly denounces the main errors of the Scribes and Pharisees in unsparing terms. Seven times He calls them "hypocrites." Twice He speaks of them as "blind guides" - twice as "fools and blind" - once to "serpents and a brood of vipers." This shows how utterly abominable the spirit of the Pharisees is in God's sight, in whatever form it may be found.

Let us learn from the whole passage how deplorable is the condition of the Jewish nation when our Lord is upon earth. If the Pharisees are the teachers, what must be the miserable darkness of those who are taught by them! It is high time indeed for the Sun of Righteousness to arise and the Gospel to be preached.

Let us learn from the whole passage how abominable is hypocrisy in the sight of God. These Scribes and Pharisees are not charged with being thieves or murderers, but with being hypocrites to the very core. Let us resolve never to wear a mask. Let us be honest and real.

Let us learn from the whole passage how awfully dangerous is the position of an unfaithful minister. It is bad enough to be blind ourselves. It is a thousand times worse to be a blind guide. Of all men none is so wicked as an unconverted minister, and none will be judged so severely.

Finally, let us beware of supposing from this passage, that the safest course is to make no profession of faith at all. It does not follow that there is no such thing as true faith, because some men are hypocrites. It does not follow that all money is bad, because there is counterfeit money. Let not hypocrisy prevent our confessing Christ, or move us from our steadfastness, if we have confessed Him.

### **Questions**

1. How does Jesus describe the Pharisees?
2. How does God see hypocrisy?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that we would guard against hypocrisy in our life.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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## **Wednesday - Matthew 23:34-39 - The Mercy and Grace of God**

God often takes great pains with ungodly men. He sends the Jews repeated warnings. They can never say that they are not told when they do wrong. This is the way in which God generally deals with the unconverted. He does not cut them off without a call to repentance. He knocks at the door of their hearts by sicknesses and troubles. He pricks their consciences by sermons, or by the advice of friends. He calls them to consider their ways by bringing death into their lives, and taking away their idols.

God takes notice of the treatment which His messengers and ministers receive, and will one day reckon for it. Let those who persecute God's people in the present day take heed what they are doing. Let them know that Christ takes notice of every one who persecutes his neighbour because he is better than himself, or because he prays, reads his Bible, and thinks about his soul.

Those who are lost forever, are lost through their own fault. The grand secret of man's ruin is his lack of will. Powerless as he is to do good, he is still powerful to do evil. A will to repent and believe no man can give himself, but a will to reject Christ and have his own way, every man possesses by nature, and if not saved at last, that will shall prove to be his destruction. Let us understand that the ruin of those who are lost, is not because Christ is not willing to save them - nor because they want to be saved, but can not - but because they will not come to Christ. Men's salvation, if saved, is wholly of God; and man's ruin, if lost, is wholly of himself. The evil that is in us is all our own. The good, if we have any, is all of God. The saved in the next world will give God all the glory. The lost in the next world will find that they have destroyed themselves.

### **Questions**

1. How does God show mercy to unbelievers?
2. What does God remember?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for Christians being persecuted in other countries.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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## Thursday - Matthew 24:1-14 - The Signs of the Times

The disciples call Jesus' attention to the buildings of the temple. To their surprise and amazement, He tells them that it is about to be destroyed. They come to Him and ask Him, "Tell us, when will these things be? What is the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?" - In these words we see the clue to the subject of the prophecy now before us. It covers three points - one, the destruction of Jerusalem, - another, the second advent of Christ - and a third, the end of the world. All these points appear distinctly in the chapter, and without them it cannot be explained, but there is disagreement over which verses refer to which events. As with all of Scripture, we need to pray that God would make clear to us what we need to know and not worry about what we can't yet understand.

The first part of the prophecy seems to apply to the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple. In fact, you can almost see the fulfilment of these first 14 verses in the book of Acts. Christians are imprisoned and killed. Paul and the other apostles have to regularly deal with false Christs and those who try to deceive the church and lead it astray. And some might say when Peter preaches to all the different people from all the different countries at Pentecost, that is a fulfilment of Christ's prophecy here - that the Gospel will be proclaimed throughout the whole world. But some would say that the prophecy in these verses is describing the end of time, that there will be an increased period of war and unrest followed by severe persecution of Christians. Others believe that this prophecy refers not to a future or past event, but to a current event - to our world as it has been since Christ ascended to heaven. A world of persecution and suffering and unrest but a world where the Gospel is proclaimed and men and women are saved.

### Questions

1. What did the disciples ask Jesus?
2. What did Jesus say about the Gospel?

### Prayer Points

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

### Memory Verse

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## Friday - Matthew 24:15-28 - God's Care

In these verses Christ refers to the taking of Jerusalem by the Romans. That event takes place about forty years after these words. A full account of it is to be found in the writings of the historian Josephus. Those writings are the best comment on our Lord's words. They are a striking proof of the accuracy of all of His predictions about the Temple destruction.

Flight from danger may sometimes be the duty of a Christian. The servant of Christ is not to be a coward. He is to confess his master before men. He is to be willing to die, if needful, for the truth. But the servant of Christ is not required to run into danger, unless it comes in the line of duty. He is not to be ashamed to use reasonable means to provide for his personal safety, when no good is to be done by dying at his post.

God's elect are always special objects of God's care. Twice in this passage our Lord mentions them. Those whom God has chosen to salvation by Christ, are those whom God specially loves in this world. They are the jewels among mankind. He cares more for them than for kings on their thrones. He hears their prayers. He orders all the events of nations and the issues of wars for their good, and their sanctification. He keeps them by His Spirit. He allows neither man nor devil to pluck them out of His hand. Whatever tribulation comes on the world, God's elect are safe.

We see from these verses, that whenever the second advent of Christ takes place, it will be a very sudden event. It will be "as the lightning flashes from the east, and is seen even to the west." We are to live always prepared for His return. Let us believe in Christ, serve Christ, follow Christ, and love Christ. So living, whenever Christ may return, we shall be ready to meet Him.

### Questions

1. What do these verses tell us about God?
2. What do these verses tell us about the second coming of Christ?

### Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for God's care for you.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

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## **Saturday - Matthew 24:29-35 - A Promise Made**

There is debate over whether these verses refer to the second advent of Christ or whether they refer to the judgement on Jerusalem. Whichever they refer to, there are some underlying things this prophecy tells us about our Lord Jesus Christ.

First, when the Lord Jesus returns to this world, He shall come with glory and majesty. The second personal coming of Christ shall be as different as possible from the first. Before him every mouth shall be stopped, and every knee bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. May we all remember this. Whatever ungodly men may do now, there will be no mocking of Christ, no unbelief at the last day. The servants of Jesus may well wait patiently. Their master shall one day be acknowledged King of kings by all the world.

Secondly, when Christ returns to this world, He will take care of His believing people. In the day of judgment true Christians shall be perfectly safe. Not a hair of their heads shall fall to the ground. In the day of judgment true Christians shall be gathered together. Let us think what a happy gathering that will be, when all the family of God are at length together. We travel on towards a day, when we shall meet to part no more.

Finally, these verses teach us, that our Lord's predictions will certainly be fulfilled. He says, "heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Our Lord knows well the natural unbelief of human nature. He tells us that, whatever man may say or think, His words shall be fulfilled in their season, and shall not "pass away," unaccomplished.

### **Questions**

1. What do we learn about Christ here?
2. What does Jesus promise about His prophecy?

### **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**

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Ezra read from  
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were filled with joy!**

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