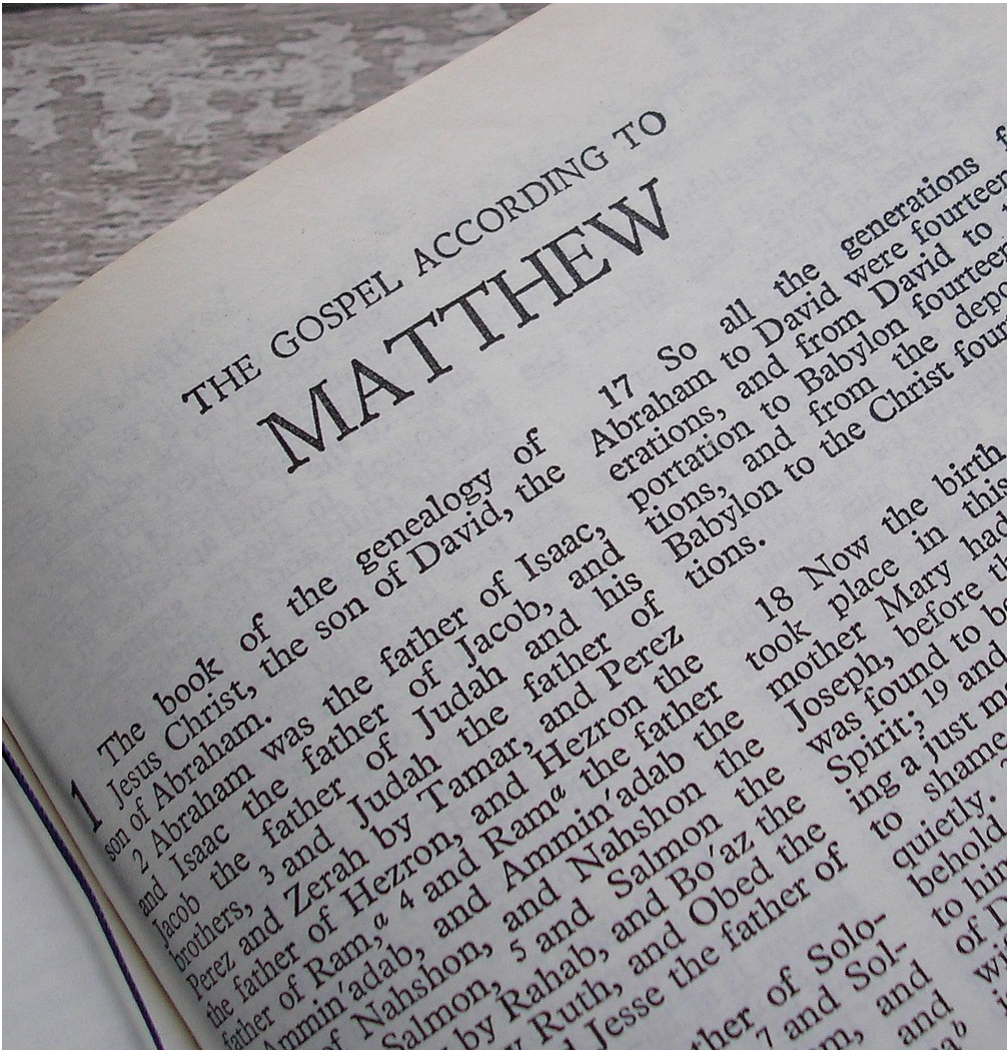
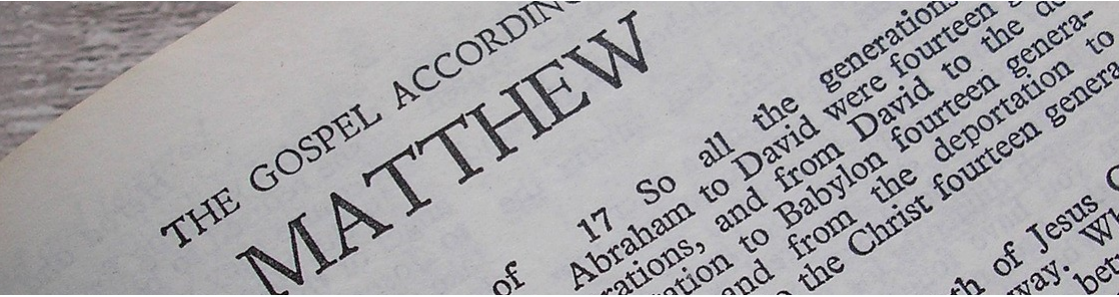


Let's Worship God

25th-30th July 2022
Matthew





THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Monday - Matthew 9:27-38 - The Compassion of Christ

Strong faith in Christ is sometimes found where we would least expect it. Who would think that two blind men would call Jesus the Son of David? They do not see His miracles; they only hear about Him from others. But they see the truth that the scribes and Pharisees do not see; they see that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah. They believe that He is able to heal them. This reminds us that we must never despair of anyone's salvation. Grace is always stronger than circumstances.

We see in these verses that Jesus Christ has a lot of experience with disease and sickness. He is an eye witness of all sorts of physical suffering. No one is too far gone or too ill for Him to help. Jesus is specially able to be the sick man or woman's friend. He can sympathise with the sufferings of our body, He has seen it, and He cares for those who suffer.

Christ doesn't just care when we suffer physically, though. We see in these verses that He cares about our spiritual suffering. He cares about those who have not been taught the truth, who are like sheep without a shepherd. He cares about those who are searching for answers. He cares about those who are on the road to a lost eternity. How do we feel about the unbelievers surrounding us? Do we care about their souls? Do we long to see them come to faith?

Christ reminds us that all Christians have a responsibility to pray that God will raise up men to preach His Word. Are you praying that God will raise up men in your own congregation to proclaim the Gospel? Are you praying that God will strengthen and sustain your minister?

Questions

1. What kind of experience does Christ have with suffering?
2. What should we be praying for?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that the Lord would raise up men to be ministers.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." Matthew 5:7

Praise: Psalm 136- See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Tuesday - Matthew 10:1-15 - A Fearful Warning

These verses teach us that all ministers are not necessarily good men. Judas Iscariot is one of the apostles, and yet he is a traitor. Ministers are not infallible, either in teaching or in practice; we are not to make idols of them and put them in Christ's place. We are to see them as sinful men, like ourselves, who need grace, like ourselves; it is not impossible for them to do wrong, and they are not above temptation. We must test their teaching by the Word of God, and follow them so far as they follow Christ, but no further. Above all, we ought to pray for them, that they may not be a Judas Iscariot, but a James and John.

The job of a minister of Christ is to do good. He is sent to look for "lost sheep," to proclaim the Gospel, to help those who are suffering, to decrease sorrow, and increase joy. His life is meant to be one of giving rather than receiving. His life isn't one of ease. He must be ready to spend body and mind, time and strength, in the work of his calling.

These verses also teach us that it is a dangerous thing to neglect the offer of the Gospel. It will be more bearable on the day of judgement for Sodom and Gomorrah than for those who have heard Christ's truth and not believed it. It doesn't require a major, public sin for a soul to be ruined forever. We only have to go on hearing without believing, listening without repenting, going to church without going to Christ, and eventually we will find ourselves in Hell. We shall all be judged according to what use we made of the opportunities we had. To hear the Gospel, and yet ignore it, is one of the worst sins man can commit. What are you doing with the Gospel? Is Christ living in your heart by faith? If not, you are in great danger - you are far more guilty than those who have never heard of Christ.

Questions

1. What do these verses teach us about ministers?
2. What is one of the greatest sins someone can commit?

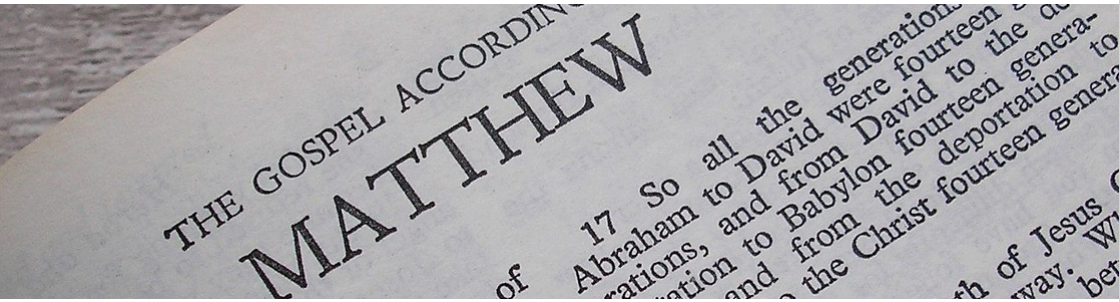
Prayer Points

1. Pray for your minister.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." Matthew 5:7

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Wednesday - Matthew 10:16-23 - Wisdom

Those who want to do good to others, must be moderate in their expectations. We shouldn't think our work will have universal success; we should expect a lot of opposition; we should expect to be hated, and persecuted, and abused, often by our own friends and family. We will be sheep in the midst of wolves. Human nature is far more wicked and corrupt than we think; the power of evil is far greater than we suppose. It is useless to imagine that everybody will see what is good for them, and believe what we tell them. If we think that, we're expecting what we won't find, and the end result will be disappointment. We need to get that in our heads at the beginning, so when we hit these roadblocks, we won't turn back.

Those who want to do good need to pray for wisdom, good sense, and a sound mind. Jesus tells His disciples to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. He tells them that when they are persecuted in one place, they can flee to another. To avoid persecution by holding our tongue and keeping our religion entirely to ourselves, is one wrong extreme. To seek persecution and thrust our faith in the face of everyone we meet without thinking about the place, the time, or the circumstances, is another wrong extreme. We're more likely to fall into the extreme of silence and letting others alone. We're quick to say that it won't do any good, it would be inappropriate, and would just offend. More often than not, this is just laziness and the devil talking. But Jesus doesn't tell us to get rid of common sense when we work for Him. It is possible to create needless offense, blunder, and stir up a lot of trouble, all of which might be avoided. This is why we need to be praying for wisdom.

Questions

1. What kind of expectations should we have when we speak to others about Christ?
2. Why do we need wisdom?

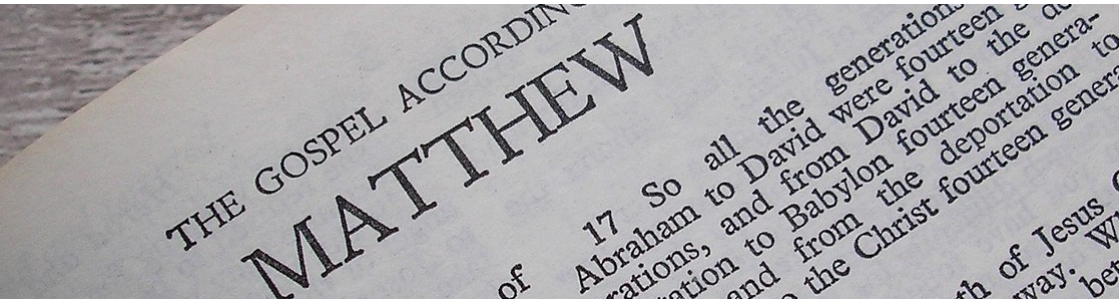
Prayer Points

1. Pray for wisdom.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.” Matthew 5:7

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Thursday - Matthew 10:24-33 - Trying to Do Good

Those who are trying to do good to souls should not expect to get on better than Jesus did. The Lord Jesus is slandered and rejected by those whom He comes to help. There is no mistake in His teaching or practice, but many hate Him. Surely we have no right to be surprised if we, whose best efforts are damaged by our sin, are treated in the same way as Christ.

Those who try to do good must look forward with patience to the day of judgement. They must be content in this life to be misunderstood, misrepresented, slandered, and abused. They must not stop working for Christ because their motives are mistaken and their character is attacked. They must remember that all will be set right at the last day; the secrets of all hearts shall then be revealed.

Those who try to do good must fear God more than man. Man can hurt the body, but there his hatred must stop, he can go no further. God can destroy both soul and body in Hell. The anger of man may be hard to bear, but the anger of God is much harder.

Those who try to do good must keep in mind the providential care God has for them. Nothing can happen in this world without His permission. All around us is in God's hands. Our bodies, our souls, our characters are all in His safe keeping. No disease can come upon us, no one can hurt us, unless He allows it.

Those who try to do good should remember that one day they will meet their Lord and receive their final reward. If we want Christ to claim us before His Father, we must not be ashamed to claim Him before the men of the world. This may cost us. It may bring laughter, mockery, persecution, and scorn, but don't be laughed out of Heaven. Don't be afraid to show that you love Christ and want others to love Him too.

Questions

1. Why should we not be surprised when others hate our faith?
2. Who should we fear more than man?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that Christ is in control of all things.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.” Matthew 5:7

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Friday - Matthew 10:34-42 - Working for Christ

Jesus tells us to remember that His Gospel will not cause peace and agreement wherever it goes. We shouldn't think it strange if the Gospel divides families. It is sure to do so in many cases because of the deep sinfulness of man's heart. As long as one man believes, and another stays unbelieving, as long as one is determined to hold onto his sins, and another desires to give them up, the result of the preaching of the Gospel will be division. For this the Gospel is not to blame, but the heart of man.

Jesus tells us that true Christians must understand that they will have trouble in this world. Whether we are ministers or hearers, whether we teach or are taught, it makes little difference - we must carry a cross. We must be content to lose even life itself for Christ's sake. We must endure hardships, and we must be unselfish. As long as the world, the devil, and our own hearts are what they are, we will have a cross to bear.

Finally, Jesus cheers us by saying that the least service done to those who are working in His name is observed and rewarded by God. The eyes of God are always on those who are working for Him. They may seem to work on unnoticed, but they are not insignificant in His eyes. He notices who opposes His servants and who helps them; He observes who is kind to them and who throws difficulties in their way. All their daily experience is recorded, as they work on in His harvest. All is written down in the great book of His remembrance and will be brought to light at the last day. Are you a helper or a hinderer of Christ's work? Do you hold back His workers, or do you cheer them on?

Questions

1. What does Jesus tell us that the Gospel will bring?
2. Why will we have trouble in this world?
3. What will God notice and reward?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for those who are working for Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." Matthew 5:7

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Saturday - Matthew 11:1-15 - John the Baptist

John sends his disciples with a message to Jesus, asking if He is the Messiah. This question doesn't come from any doubt or unbelief on the part of John. It is asked for the benefit of His disciples; it is meant to give them an opportunity of hearing from Christ's own lips the evidence that He has come from God. John probably feels his own ministry is ended; something within him tells him that he will never get out of Herod's prison. He remembers the ignorant jealousies that have been shown by His disciples towards the disciples of Christ. So he sends his followers to see and hear for themselves. John is an example here to all who are approaching the end of their life. Their main concern should be about the souls of those they are leaving behind; their great desire should be to persuade them to go to Christ.

No man ever received such praise as Jesus gives to His imprisoned friend. In the past John boldly proclaimed Jesus as the Lamb of God; now Jesus openly declares John to be more than a prophet. Jesus says John is a bold, unflinching witness to the truth. He is a self-denying preacher of repentance, who will risk the anger of a king, rather than ignore his sins. John is one to whom God has given more honour than all the Old Testament prophets. They prophesied about Christ but died without seeing Him. John not only prophesied of Him, but saw Him face to face. They foretold that the days of the Messiah would come; John was an eye witness of those days and prepared men for them. These verses show us that Christ cares about the work we do for Him, and He will honour us for it. When we're tempted to be discouraged and feel a failure, we need to remember the same Christ that noticed John, notices us.

Questions

1. Why does John send his disciples to Christ?
2. What does Christ say of John?

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

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." Matthew 5:7

Praise: Psalm 141 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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**God tells us that
Ezra read from
the book of the Law
day after day
and that
the people of God
were filled with joy!**

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