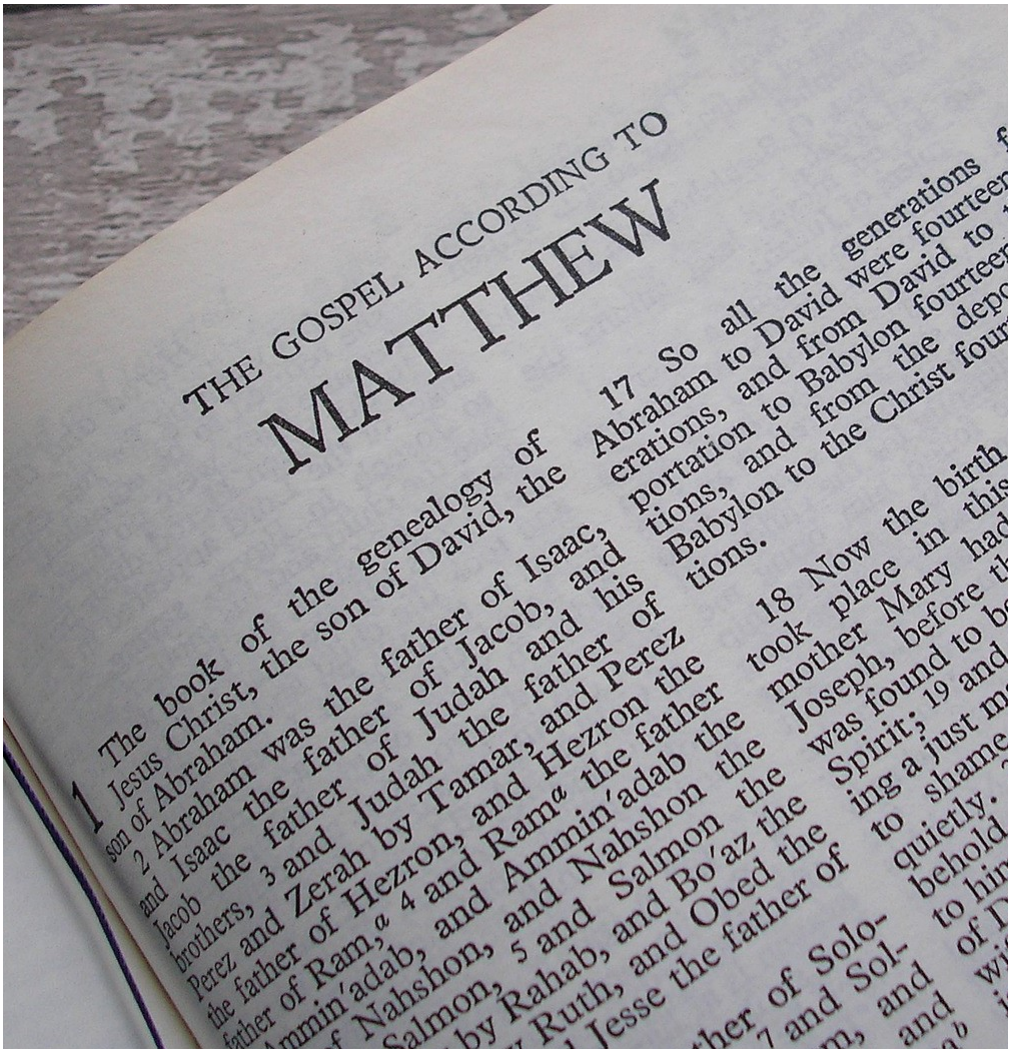
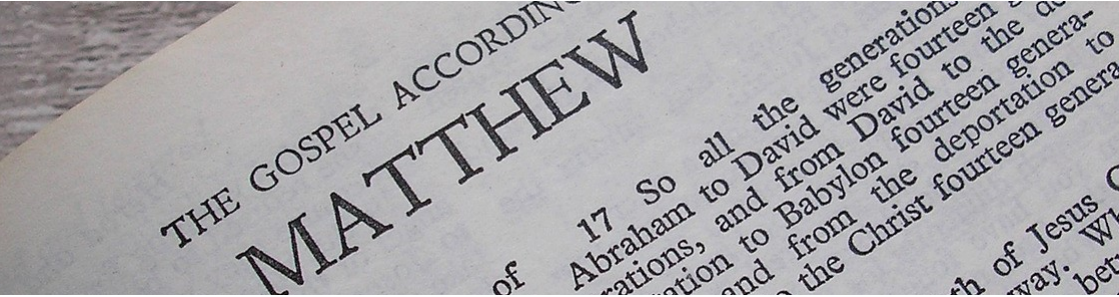


Let's Worship God

15th-20th August 2022

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Monday - Matthew 14:22-36 - Walking on Water

Our Saviour has absolute dominion over all created things. There is nothing created which is not under Christ's control. He may allow His people to be tried and tossed to and fro by storms of trouble; He may be later than they wish in coming to their aid, and not draw near till the "fourth watch of the night"; but never let us forget that winds, and waves, and storms are all Christ's servants. They cannot move without Christ's permission.

We see in this miracle what power Jesus can give to those who believe on Him. Jesus can enable us to do things which at one time we would have thought impossible; He can carry us through difficulties and trials, which without Him we would never have dared to face; He can give us strength to walk through fire and water unharmed, and to get the better of every enemy. Let us fear nothing if we are doing what is right. The waters may be deep, but if Jesus says, "Come," we have no reason to be afraid.

This miracle also shows how much trouble disciples bring upon themselves by unbelief. Peter forgets the wonderful proofs of His Lord's goodness and power, which he has just received; he doesn't think about the fact that the same Saviour who has enabled him to walk one step, must be able to hold him up forever; he doesn't concentrate on the fact that he is nearer to Christ at that point on the water than he was when he first left the ship. He thinks of nothing but the wind and the waves and his immediate danger, and his faith gives way. How often do we focus on our worries, fears, and troubles, instead of thinking about Christ and looking to Him.

Finally, this miracle shows how merciful our Lord Jesus Christ is to weak believers. He doesn't leave Peter to reap the fruit of his own unbelief and sink in the deep waters; He just delivers him from his trouble with a gentle reproof. Even when our faith is small, the Lord is ready to help us.

Questions

1. What does this miracle teach us about Christ?
2. What happens if we take our eyes off Jesus?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that you would keep your eyes focused on Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:10

Praise: Psalm 4 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Tuesday - Matthew 15:1-9 - Where Is Your Heart?

Hypocrites generally attach great importance to an outward show. The Pharisees are a case in point. They are not accusing Jesus' disciples of breaking any of God's laws; they are angry because they aren't following a tradition of men.

These verses also show us the great danger of attempting to add anything to the Word of God. Whenever someone tries to add on to what the Bible says, they usually end up caring more about their own additions than the Word of God. Jesus shows how the traditions of the Pharisees are actually destroying the fifth commandment. No matter how pure our intentions, when we start adding things to the Word of God, there is always a tendency to put our own opinions before the Bible. No tradition or man-made practice can ever excuse or justify disobedience to any plain commandment of God's Word.

Finally, these verses show us that the worship that God desires is the worship of the heart. The heart should be the primary focus in our relationship with God. What is the first thing we need in order to be Christians? A new heart. What is the sacrifice God asks us to bring to Him? A broken and contrite heart. What is the true circumcision? The circumcision of the heart. What is genuine obedience? To obey from the heart. What is saving faith? To believe with the heart. Where ought Christ to dwell? To dwell in our hearts by faith. All worship of God, whether in public or private, is in vain as long as our hearts are far from God. The bowed head, the regular attendance, the singing, the reading, are all useless and unprofitable so long as our hearts are tied to sin, or pleasure, or money, or the world.

Questions

1. What are the Pharisees angry about?
2. What is the danger of adding to the Word of God?
3. What kind of worship does God want?

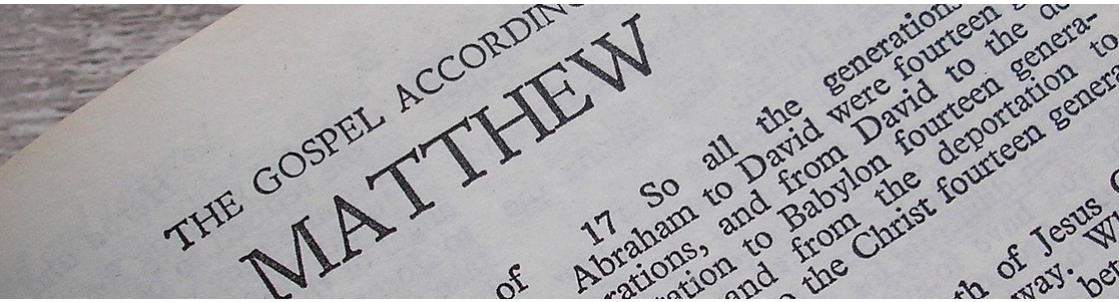
Prayer Points

1. Pray that your heart would be right with God.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Wednesday - Matthew 15:10-20 - False Teaching And The Heart

Jesus declares here that it is our duty to oppose false teaching; that its final destruction is sure, and that its teachers ought to be forsaken. False teaching, like that of the Pharisees, is a plant to which no mercy should be shown. It is a plant which God has not planted, which should be rooted up, no matter who it offends. To tolerate it is not loving, because it is damaging the souls of men and women. It doesn't matter if those who teach it are powerful and well-educated - if it contradicts the Word of God it ought to be opposed, refuted, and rejected. Sooner or later all false teaching will be completely overthrown and put to shame and nothing shall stand except for what is built on the Word of God. No fear of offending someone should make us hold our peace when God's truth is in danger. Nothing should stop us from leaving those ministers who contradict God's Word. If we submit to unscriptural teaching, our blood will be on our own heads. We can take comfort in the thought that false teaching will not stand long. God Himself will defend the cause of His own truth; sooner or later every lie will be rooted up. We are to wait, and preach, and protest, and pray.

Jesus also declares that the heart is the true source of all sin and defilement. The Pharisees teach that holiness depends on what you eat and drink; on bodily washing and purification. Jesus teaches His disciples that the one who would serve God aright, needs something far more important than bodily washings. He must seek to have a clean heart. The right heart is a heart sprinkled with the blood of Christ, renewed by the Holy Spirit, and purified by faith. Even after renewal, we are weak; even after putting on the new man, we are deceitful. Let us never forget that our chief danger is from within.

Questions

1. What should our response to false teaching be?
2. What will someday happen to false teaching?
3. What is the true source of sin?

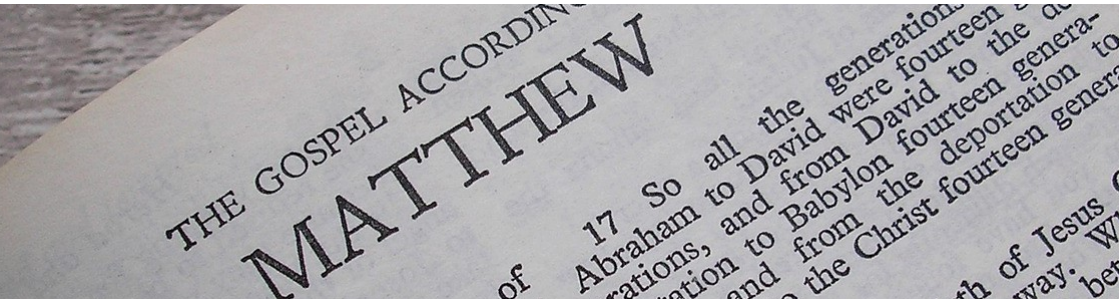
Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that you have been given a new heart.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:10

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Thursday - Matthew 15:21-28 - Prayer

True faith might sometimes be found where you least expect it. It is grace, not place, which makes people believers. We may live in a prophet's family, like Gehazi the servant of Elisha, and yet continue unbelieving and fond of the world. We may live in the midst of superstition and idolatry, like the little maid in Naaman's house, and yet be a faithful witness of Christ. It is possible to dwell, like this woman, in an evil place and yet sit down in the kingdom of God.

We also see here that trouble sometimes proves to be a blessing to our souls. This woman has suffered much with seeing her daughter demon-possessed, but yet that trouble brings her to Christ and teaches her to pray. Without it she might have lived and died in careless ignorance and never seen Jesus at all. Every cross is a message from God and intended to do us good in the end. Trials are intended to make us think, to wean us from the world, to send us to the Bible, to drive us to our knees. Health is a good thing, but sickness is far better, if it leads us to God. Prosperity is a great mercy, but adversity is a greater one, if it brings us to Christ. Anything, anything is better than living in carelessness and dying in sin.

This woman gives us great encouragement to persevere in prayer both for ourselves and others. At first her prayer seems unnoticed. Yet she prays on. The first thing Jesus says seems discouraging. Yet she prays on. His second saying is even less encouraging. But even then she is not silenced, even then she prays. And she receives a gracious reward. The promise of seek and you shall find has never yet been broken. We may have to wait a long time, we may seem to have prayed in vain, but let us never give up while life lasts. Jesus has not changed, and He who answers this woman will answer us.

Questions

1. Why is this woman's trouble a blessing?
2. What do these verses teach us about prayer?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that Christ answers prayer.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Friday - Matthew 15:29-39 - Compassion

These verses show us the incredible ease and power with which our Lord heals all who are brought to Him. This should point us to Jesus Christ's power to heal sin-diseased souls. There is no sickness of heart that He cannot cure. There is no spir- itual trouble that He cannot overcome. He can put a new song in a sinner's mouth, and make him speak with love of that Gospel which he once ridiculed and blas- phemed; He can open the eyes of a man's understanding and make him see the kingdom of God; He can open the ears of a man, and make him willing to hear His voice, and to follow Him wherever He goes; He can give power to a man who once walked in the way of destruction, to walk in the way of life; He can make hands that were once instruments of sin, serve Him and do His will. Christ has not changed. He is still mighty to heal.

Finally, these verses show us the abundant compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Of all the feelings experienced by our Lord when on the earth, compassion is mentioned more than any of them. The Holy Spirit seems to point out to us that this is a main feature of His character and the predominant feeling of His mind when He is among men. This should encourage those who are hesitating about beginning to walk in God's ways. They should remember that their Saviour is full of compassion. He will receive them graciously; He will forgive them freely; He will remember their sins no more; He will supply their need abundantly. They should not be afraid. This should comfort the servants of the Lord when they feel weary. Jesus knows the world we live in; He knows how weak we are; He knows how the devil works. Despite all our weakness, failure, and imperfection, He loves us and has compassion on us.

Questions

1. What kind of power does Jesus have?
2. What feeling of Jesus is mentioned the most in the Bible?

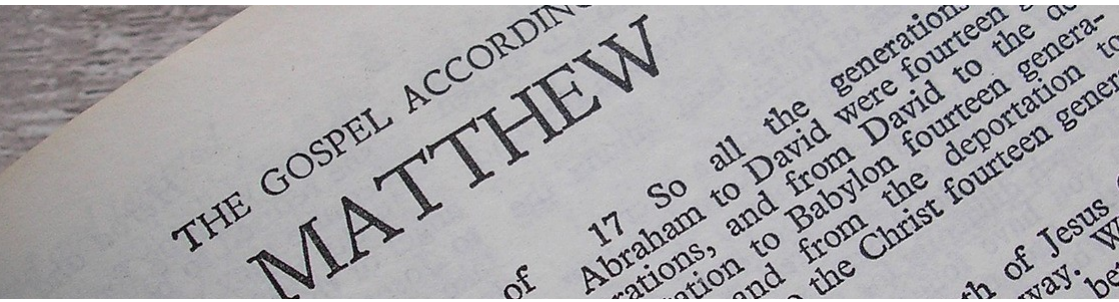
Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that Christ is compassionate.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Saturday - Matthew 16:1-12 - False Leaven

Jesus takes the opportunity here to warn His disciples. Even these disciples, the future leaders of the Church, can fall into temptation. He warns them against the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees. He describes their false teaching as leaven. Like leaven it might seem a small thing compared to the whole body of truth; like leaven, once allowed in, it will work secretly and noiselessly; like leaven, it will gradually change everything with which it is mixed.

But what is this false teaching? Well, the Pharisees think they can work their way into heaven. So, they keep up a show of doing the right things and don't bother with the state of their hearts. They are great believers in routine religion and in being self-righteous. The Sadducees are skeptics - they don't really believe in much of anything and as a result feel free to live their life any way they want. They are the enemies of the Pharisees - in some ways, their polar opposite. But these enemies unite in their hatred of Christ. And things haven't changed. It may be called by different names, but the false teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees is alive and well today. Some want to add to the Gospel, and some want to take away from it; some would bury it, and some would reduce it to nothing; some would stifle it by heaping on additions, and some would bleed it to death by subtracting from its truths. Both parties agree only in one respect: both would kill and destroy Christianity. We, like the disciples, need to watch and pray.

Questions

1. What does Jesus warn His disciples about?
2. What is this false teaching?

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 those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:10

Praise: Psalm 9 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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