

Matthew: The Life & Teaching of Jesus the Messiah

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Key Idea: True piety is both seen and unseen, rewarded and unrewarded, for it is done before the face of God, for the sake of Christ, by those who don't need worldly applause.

Lesson 27 Matt. 6:1-4 Righteous Generosity (5-30-26)

I. OVERVIEW: RIGHTEOUSNESS WITHOUT HYPOCRISY (6:1-18)

A. Outline of the Sermon on the Mount this far:

1. To whom is the Sermon addressed (4:17, 5:1)? _____
2. The Beatitudes (5:1-12) teach the _____ of the King's disciples.
3. Salt & Light (5:13-16) teaches their _____ upon the world.
4. Fulfillment & Continuity (5:17-20) sets forth the normative _____
5. The Six Antitheses (5:21-48) correct the rabbinic _____
6. Matt. 6:1-18 corrects the _____ practice of the scribes and Pharisees regarding "charitable deeds" or acts of "righteousness."

B. The issue in 6:1-18: How does genuine piety _____ itself?

1. Note the text of 6:1: _____
2. Our Lord gives three examples of doing "righteousness" (6:2, 5 & 16)
 - (1) _____
 - (2) _____
 - (3) _____

II. PHARISAIC PIETY: MEET YOU AT THE POLE W/ CNN COVERAGE

A. Some characteristics of Pharisaic religion: (6:1-2, cf. Matt. 23:13-20)

1. Pharisees want to be _____ and _____ by men.
 - a. Sounding a trumpet then: _____
 - b. Sounding one now: _____
2. Pharisaic religion is _____ because it's play-acting:

3. Both the _____ & _____ of the Pharisee are misplaced.

B. Consider what the Bible has to say about "doing righteousness":

1. It is not a question of _____ but _____ God's people give charitably, p_____ in public or f_____.

- a. The Bible expects the righteous to be _____ (Ps. 37:21; Prov. 29:7; I John 3:17)
- b. The Bible does not expect the righteous to be _____ when giving (II Thess. 3:10)
- c. The Bible also expects that God's people will be _____ for their j_____ and k_____ (5:16).

2. The issue in one of _____ and who receives the _____

III. THREE ASPECTS OF BIBLICAL PIETY

A. S_____ Giving: _____ (v.2)

B. S_____ Giving: _____ (v.3)

C. S_____ Giving: _____

IV. BIBLICAL PIETY ENJOYS A JUST REWARD (V.4B)

A. Embrace God's _____ on his servants; reject Gnostic _____ (cf. Matt. 25:31f)

B. Enjoy the reward of a righteous man: _____