

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

MATTHEW – PART TWO

Sermon on the Mount – Part 2

Lesson 4

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Matthew's Purpose

Confirming Jewish Christians in
their Faith

Messiah

1. Messiah Prophet
2. Messiah Priest
3. Messiah King

Sermon on the Mount

- Mt 5, 6 & 7
- Goes up on Mountain and Sits to Preach
- Multiple Divisions
 - The Beatitudes
 - The Heart of the Law
 - Holy Living

What is the “Law”?

Different purposes of law

1. Regulate Society
2. Reflect God’s Character / Morality
3. Lead us to Christ

The Law

- Not Just the Letter, the Spirit
- Murder -- Anger
- Adultery -- Lust
- Divorce -- Sin w/o Unfaithfulness
- Oaths -- Honor Your Word
- Retribution -- Forgiveness
- Enemies -- Love, not Hate

Holy Living

- Give Privately, not to Show Off
- Simple Straightforward Prayers
 - (Praise, God's Work, Our Needs, Repentance, Forgiveness, and Protection)

Lord's Prayer (6:9-12)

New International Version

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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See Romans 4:4

Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an **obligation.**

Debts or Sins / Trespasses?

- *opheilema* = “debts” “wrongs”
can also be “sins”
- *hamartia* = “sin” “miss the target / mark”
- The Difference: *hamartia* emphasizes the deed / sin itself; *opheilema* emphasizes the effect or cost of the sin.

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In Other Words ...

- Luke Clarifies ... Not Economics!
- A Matter of Preference
- Not an Issue of Faith

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**For yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever, Amen.**

A Word About Manuscripts

- No Autographs (Originals)
- > 7,000 Texts (All or Part)
- Codex Sinaiticus, *et al.* versus Late Texts
- Still Scriptural b/c NOT a Form Prayer!

Holy Living

- Give Privately, not to Show Off
- Simple Straightforward Prayers
- Fast Privately
- Treasure Heaven (The “Heart / Treasure” Rule):
 - “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
- Don’t Worry

Holy Living

- Don't Judge -- Speck or Plank?
- Ask, Seek, Knock
- Rare and Narrow
- Watch for Wolves
 - Verbal acclamation not enough!
- Build Wisely

Final Points for Home

- Do Right, from the Heart
- Do Right, not for Show
- Invest in Right Things
- God Gets the Worries
- Get Own House in Order