

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road with tire tracks leads from the bottom center towards the middle ground. The terrain is sandy and sparsely covered with small, dry bushes. In the background, a range of rugged, brown mountains stretches across the horizon under a pale, overcast sky. The overall mood is desolate and expansive.

The Gospel of Matthew

WHY DID THE KING COME BUT NOT THE KINGDOM?

Outline to the book of Matthew:

I. The King Has Come 1:1-13:53

1. *The Incarnation and the preparation of the King 1:1 – 4:11*
2. *The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29*
3. *The Manifestation of the King 8:1 – 11:1*
4. *The Opposition to the King 11:2 – 13:53*

II. The Kingdom Has Not 13:54-28:20

5. *The Reaction of the King, 13:54 – 19:2*
6. *The Formal Presentation and Rejection of the King, 19:3 – 25:46*
7. *The Crucifixion and the Resurrection of the King, 26:1 – 28:20*

***Subpoints follow Stanley Toussaint's seven main divisions outlined in his commentary.

Jesus' discourse on proper worship:

Three areas of worship are addressed by Jesus –

1. Giving 6:1-4
2. Prayer 6:5-15
3. Fasting 6:16-18

I. THE KING HAS COME 1:1 – 13:53

The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29

(Matthew 6:1-4)

“The Heart of Giving”

Outline:

1. The heart of giving v. 1
2. The hypocrisy in giving v. 2
3. The hiddenness of giving v. 3
4. The hope of giving v. 4

4- The hope of giving v. 4

A. Observations:

- The reward v. 4c
 - “will” (Future, Active, Indicative) it will happen in the future.
 - “Himself” (which reward is better? God’s? or people?)
 - “will Himself reward you openly”
 - “openly” is a textual variant that the MT includes that the CT does not.
 - The idea remains that God’s reward will be public because it will be received in the kingdom.

4- The hope of giving v. 4

A. Observations:

- What are rewards?
 - Acknowledgments “crowns” (James 1:12; 1 Peter 5:4; 2 Timothy 4:8)
 - Enjoyments “inheritance” (Dan. 12:13; Mt. 25:21)
 - Responsibilities “reigning” (Ephesians 2:8-10; 1 Cor. 3:12-15; 2 Cor. 5:10)
 - How might our spiritual gifts play into our kingdom role?

4- The hope of giving v. 4

B. Summary/Application:

- Giving is a private affair between us and God.
- God Himself will reward the right kind of giving.
- Not all giving is rewardable.
- What we do now determines what will be done in the kingdom.
- Do we trade kingdom glory for earthly “heaven?”

I. THE KING HAS COME 1:1 – 13:53

The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29

(Matthew 6:5-8)

*“The practice of worship
through personal prayer”*

Outline:

1. The wrong way of prayer v. 5
2. The right way of prayer vv. 6-7
3. The reality of prayer v. 8

1- The wrong way of prayer v. 5

A. Observations:

- The implication of prayer v. 5a
 - “when you pray”
- The way to avoid v. 5b
 - “you shall not be like the hypocrites”
- The correction to prayer v. 5c
 - “For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets,”
 - “that they may be seen by men.”
 - Lit. with the purpose to be seen

1- The wrong way of prayer v. 5

A. Observations:

- The implication of prayer v. 5a
- The way to avoid v. 5b
- The correction to prayer v. 5c
- The reward of wrong prayer v. 5d
 - “Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.”
 - The reward here appears to be the thing sought in praying. So, for the hypocrites they were seeking public acknowledgement not the actual request.

1- The wrong way of prayer v. 5

B. Summary/Application:

- The people of God should have a life devoted to prayer.
- Prayer should not be hypocritical.
- Prayer should not be to show off for other people.
- Hypocritical prayer is rewarded with the praise of man.
- Hypocritical prayer is NOT rewarded with the answer to the prayer.

Outline:

1. The wrong way of prayer v. 5
2. The right way of prayer vv. 6-7
3. The reality of prayer v. 8

2- The right way of prayer vv. 6-7

A. Observations:

- The prayer of God's people v. 6a
 - “but you, when you pray”
- The way of prayer v. 6b-c
 - “go into your room,”
 - “and when you have shut your door,”
 - “pray to you Father Who is in the secret place;”
- The Father's reward v. 6d
 - The reward here is the answer to prayer.

2- The right way of prayer vv. 6-7

A. Observations:

- The prayer of God's people v. 6a
- The way of prayer v. 6b-c
- The Father's reward v. 6d
- The 2nd correction to prayer v. 7a
 - “And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do.” (lit. “repetitive babbling”)
 - “for they think that they will be heard for their many words.”

2- The right way of prayer vv. 6-7

B. Summary/Application:

- The people of God should have a life devoted to prayer.
- Jesus emphasizes that personal prayer should be between the one praying and God.
- The Father will answer prayer done the right way.
- Empty repetition does not make God hear any more.
- There are pre-requisites to prayer.

Outline:

1. The wrong way of prayer v. 5
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3- The reality of prayer v. 8

A. Observations:

- The summary v. 8a
 - “Therefore do not be like them.”
- The reality of prayer v. 8b
 - “For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.”

3- The reality of prayer v. 8

B. Summary/Application:

- Not all prayer is heeded by God.
- Prayer does not inform God of our needs.
- So why pray?
- Prayer is the means by which we get on and stay on the same page as God concerning all areas of our worship to Him.
- In other words, prayer is the controls to our fellowship with God.

Prayer Structure

My Suggested Structure:

Confession

Exaltation

Thanksgiving

Love



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