

Matthew 6 Study Guide

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In this chapter Jesus was comparing the way hypocrites show off their religious acts/righteousness by addressing 3 chief acts of piety: almsgiving, prayer and fasting

Jesus uses a rhythm here of highlighting old ways and replacing them with new kingdom ways of interacting with God, disciplines that draw us close: generosity, prayer, fasting, our possessions and our thoughts/emotions.

Giving to the Needy v 1-4

Warning _____

Instruction _____

Why does he talk about rewards and things done in secret?

This is repeated in the upcoming verses.

The Lord's Prayer 5-15

Warning _____

Instruction _____

James Bryan Smith, The Good and Beautiful God

Jesus reveals the nature of God as Father:

1. God is Present - Our Father in heaven
2. God is Pure - Hallowed be your name
3. God is Powerful - Your kingdom come, your will be done....
4. God Provides - Give us...our daily bread
5. God Pardons - Forgive us our debts...
6. God Protects - Lead us not into temptation...deliver us from evil

"Jesus' Father is nearby, holy, powerful, caring, forgiving and our protector."

Fasting v 16-18

Warning _____

Instruction _____

LIFE PRINCIPLE - Don't seek approval and validation and earthly praise for the things you do to honor God

Two new Kingdom perspectives

Laying up treasures in heaven v 19-24

Warning _____ why? _____

Instruction _____ why? _____

In this new Kingdom you cannot serve both _____ and _____

Do Not be Anxious v25-34

THEREFORE...this way of kingdom living should lead to a _____ free life

Pay attention to the questions Jesus asks:

Isn't life more than, and the body more than clothes?

Are you not more value than the birds?

Jesus flows out of us when we bring a non-anxious presence to the world.

****Key Perspective**

v 33 Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and these will be given you.

What rose to the surface of this chapter for you?

What are you learning about Jesus?

What is the invitation in that to you?

Please read Matthew 7 for next week