

EXPERIENCING THE KING LIVING OUT THE KINGDOM

THE STUDY OF MATTHEW

From the Inside Out

Matthew 5.17-48

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The Beginning of the Kingdom (1-7)

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Narrative 1 (Mt 1.1-4.25): The King of the Kingdom

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I. Jesus fulfils the Law & Prophets

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II. Jesus demands a greater righteousness

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- **How? From the Inside out...**
- **6 illustrations**



1. Murder (Unresolved Anger)

Mt 5.21 “*You have heard that it was said* to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, [Ex 20.13] and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’²² ***But I tell you*** that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’* is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

* Raca: contempt

²³ “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you,²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. **First go and be reconciled** to them; then come and offer your gift.

1. Murder (Unresolved Dispute)

²⁵ “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God!



2. Adultery (opp sex)

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’^[Ex.20.14] ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

Blessed, are those
who hunger and
thirst for
righteousness, for
they will be filled.



3. Divorce (Spouse)

³¹ “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’^[Dt 24.1] ³² But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Blessed are the
mEEK, for they
will inherit the
earth.



4. Oaths (Speech)

³³ “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ ³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷ All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

Blessed are
the pure in
heart, for they
will see God.



5. Revenge (Our rights)

³⁸ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’^[Ex 21.24] ³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. ⁴¹ If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.



6. Enemies (Love)

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor^[Lv 19.18] and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?

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who are persecuted
because of
righteousness, for
theirs is the
kingdom of God.



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- From the INSIDE OUT, through CHRIST!
 - He fulfils the law and prophets
 - He demands a greater righteousness

How is this possible?



Implications

Jer 31.31 “The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.....

³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time,” declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

(cf. Hebrews 8.8-10)



Reflection & Response

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1. Do we live like Jesus has fulfilled the law, that we are saved by grace alone?
2. Do we live with a greater righteousness that comes from Christ – **from the INSIDE OUT?**
3. Do we live by the guidance and enabling of the Holy Spirit?

