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Joyfully Accept the
Plundering of
All Your Property

Matthew 5:38-48



Kids' Question!



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Guidance

When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.

(Proverbs 10:19)

“That which men love, they desire to have and be united to, and possessed of. That beauty which men delight in, they desire to be adorned with. Those acts which men delight in, they necessarily incline to do.”

–Johnathan Edwards



Thy Kingdom Come

- Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (3:2, 4:17, 10:7)
- Theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Chapter 5, Beatitudes)
- Those more righteous than the Pharisees will enter the kingdom of heaven. (5:19-20)
- The kingdom of heaven has been advancing since the preaching of John the Baptist (11:11-12)
- The kingdom of heaven is like...(Chapter 13)
- The kingdom of heaven belongs to the humble and child-like (18:1-4, 19:14)



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- It is difficult for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven (19:23)
- The kingdom of heaven is like a master hiring laborers for the field (20:1)
- The kingdom of heaven is like a wedding feast and its preparation (22:2, 25:1)
- The Pharisees shut people out of the kingdom of heaven (23:13)



Dr. I. Howard Marshall

“During the past sixteen years I can recollect only two occasions on which I have heard sermons specifically devoted to the theme of the Kingdom of God...I find this silence rather surprising because it is universally agreed by New Testament scholars that the central theme of the teaching of Jesus was the Kingdom of God.”





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Taking Back Sunday

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CS Lewis

The Command “Be ye perfect” is not idealistic gas. Nor is it a command to do the impossible. He is going to make us into creatures that can obey that command.





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Matthew 5:18-20

For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.



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Matthew 15:6-9

So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God. You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

“This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”



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Martin Lloyd-Jones

“The Pharisees and scribes...tended to ignore entirely the fact that this teaching was for the judges only. They made it a matter for personal application. Not only that, they regarded it, in their typical legalistic manner, as a matter of right and duty to have an ‘eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth’. To them this was something to be insisted upon rather than something which should be restrained. It was a legalistic outlook which thought only of its rights.”





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1 Peter 2:23-25

When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.



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Hebrews 10:32-35

But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.



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Leviticus 19:17-18

“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”



E.B. Smith

Of all the deepened laws that Christ gave, this is the most antithetical to the rabbinical mind. The Jewish people had taken one of the most precious commands in the Old Testament, to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18) and distorted it to make room for discrimination about who they were to love. As one lawyer cunningly asked, “And who is my neighbor?” (Luke 10:29). Love was for the neighbor, and the neighbor was a fellow Israelite. Those on the outside were not part of that category, and therefore under no obligation to be loved. Jesus deepens the law by revealing that relieving one from the obligation to love is virtually synonymous with hate.



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Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.



Ephesians 2:13-19

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.



Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.



Romans 12:9-21

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”



Titus 3:1-9

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,



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whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.



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That heart develops as we abide in Him.



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The Pharisees, or religious teachers of the day, searched the scriptures and the Law of Moses for ways to protect their

Jesus shows that the Law is really about



Abiding

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- Let his words change you.
- Trust and obey.
- Love without worrying about how it might benefit you.
- Pray for your enemies.
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