

WEEK 21: MATTHEW 5 1-12 “ATTITUDE OF ABIDING” PART 2 HANDOUT

II. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN

- A. Mat 5:4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted
- B. What does “MOURN” mean?
 1. Cambridge Dictionary --to feel or express great sadness, especially because of someone's death, Lament, grieve, regret
- C. HAPPY ARE THE SAD→TOTALLY OPPOSITE OF THE WORLD’S VIEWPOINT
- D. Luke 6:25 “*WOE TO YOU WHO LAUGH FOR YOU SHALL MOURN AND WEEP*”
- E. NOT NATURAL MOURNING. (Funeral type loss of a loved one, or an illness)
 1. Jeremiah 9:17 “*send for the mourning women,. . .send for the wailing women*” — hired mourners
- F. NOT WORLDLY MOURNING. (Sorry over consequences of sin, my reputation)
- G. “GODLY SORROW”
 1. Paul explained the differences: 2Co 7:9 *As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. 10 For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.*
 2. Godly sorrow = salvation, worldly sorrow = death)
- H. WHAT IS MOURNING?
 1. Inner Response to My Spiritual Bankruptcy
 2. Seeing My Spiritual Bankruptcy Produces an Inner Response
 3. State of Brokenness Before God→Contrition of Spirit over My Sin
 4. GODLY SORROW→leads to repentance
- I. HOLY SPIRIT CONVICTION LEADS TO CONTRITION
 1. When see sinfulness against God’s Holiness,
 2. When I understand that I deserve nothing but hell,
 3. I am shattered in my inner being
- J. God plants this HOLY MOURNING OVER SIN in the sinner’s heart
 1. GODLY SORROW ALONE LEADS TO REPENTANCE
 2. Isaiah: saw God’s holiness and his own sin & said “Wow is me” Is 6:5
 3. Job: saw his sin & said “I despise myself & repent in dust & ashes” Job 42:6
 4. Prodigal son “I have sinned against Heaven & you father” Lu 15:18, 21
- K. Holy mourning is ...KEY TO GENUINE REPENTANCE
 1. Jesus: Lu 13:3 “I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

2. [Mat 15:13](#) “every tree that my Father has not planted will be torn up by the roots”
3. True Holy Mourning is a reaction to **what God does in the heart of a person.**

L. “. . . they **SHALL BE COMFORTED**”

1. Christ **will** comfort SPIRITUAL MOURNERS
2. [Isa 61:1](#) ¶ The Spirit of the Lord GOD [is] upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the **meeek** (NAS=**POOR**, NKJV=**POOR**); he hath **sent me to bind up the brokenhearted**, to proclaim **liberty to the captives**, and the opening of the prison to [them that are] bound;
3. [Isa 61:2](#) To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; **to comfort all that mourn;**

M. **Who is the Comforter?** [JOHN 16:8](#) And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:

1. **HOLY SPIRIT - THE COMFORTER** (GK word is parakletos, par-ak-lay-tos, intercessor, helper, comforter - HS is a Comforter)
2. **THE COMFORTER WILL CONVICT**→SAME ONE WHO CONVICTS OF SIN IS THE ONE WHO COMFORTS AND ASSURES OF SIN FORGIVEN
3. Reason that only the mourners are happy!!! Because they are being comforted: are receiving forgiveness of sin.
4. [Ps 32:1](#) “*blessed is the man whose sin is covered*”
5. [Ps 34:18](#) “*Lord is near those that have a broken heart & saves such as have a contrite spirit*”

III. **BLESSED ARE THE MEEK**

- A. [Mat 5:5](#) Blessed [are] the meek(gentle, humble), For they (and they alone) shall inherit the earth.

A. **BLESSED**→Permanently fulfilled are the meekand they alone will inherit the earth.

B. **MEEK IS DEALING WITH OUR WILL**

1. When God plants poverty of spirit and Holy mourning **our “will” comes under His control**
2. **What is meekness?** →**MEEKNESS IS THE OPPOSITE OF SELF WILL**
 - a. To be subject to another. To come under the guided control of the Master’s hand.
To come under control of a king’s scepter
3. Holy meekness is a “will” that is under the control of the Lord

C. **GENUINE CONVERSION**

1. **THERE IS AN INITIAL MEEKING.** (A yielding of control to the will of God)

2. YOU COME UNDER THE CONTROL OF A NEW MASTER
3. YOU COME UNDER THE SCEPTER OF THE LORD JESUS
4. SCEPTER= rod which one is beaten, symbolic of a king's rigorous rule.

D. ISAIAH 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray. we have all gone our own way!

E. Going your own way represents . . .

1. WICKED SINFULNESS (and/or) WILLFUL SELFISHNESS
2. I WILL NOT HAVE THIS KING RULE OVER ME
3. **ROOT OF ALL SIN IS SELF!**
4. **SELF AT THE CORE OF THE UNCONVERTED LIFE**

F. UNCONVERTED PEOPLE LIVE TO PLEASE THEMSELVES

1. COMPLETELY OPPOSITE FROM WHAT SCRIPTURE DEMANDS
2. *2 Cor 5:15 "He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again."*

G. CAN BE A VERY MORAL, EVEN A RELIGIOUS PERSON AND BE DOING IT ALL TO PLEASE YOURSELF.

H. EVERYONE IS TRULY CONVERTED WHEN THEY ARE WILLING TO COME UNDER THE REIGN OF JESUS

1. CANNOT ENTER A NEW KINGDOM WITHOUT HAVING A NEW KING.
2. COMING UNDER GUIDED CONTROL OF A NEW MASTER.
3. MEEKED TO HIS RULE-->WILLING TO HAVE A NEW KING!
4. No such thing as making Him King and then later making Him Lord

I. Heb 1:8 . . . "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the **scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.**

J. JESUS NEVER CONVERTS ANYONE HE Does Not COMMAND!

K. NO ONE ENTERS THE KINGDOM WITHOUT:

1. **BOWING TO CHRIST'S SPIRITUAL THRONE**
2. **SUBMITTING TO CHRIST'S SPIRITUAL SCEPTER**
3. **SUBMITTING TO BE RULED BY CHRIST'S, YOUR NEW KING!**
4. **This a work of the grace of God--> 1 Cor 12:3 "no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost."**

L. THIS IS WHAT "ABIDING IN HIM" TRULY MEANS!

M. THERE ARE NO UNMEEKED WILLS ABIDING IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

N. CONTINUING "WORKING OUT" OF THAT "MEEKING PROCESS" THROUGH OUT SANCTIFICATION

1. UNFOLDING REVELATION
2. UNFOLDING APPLICATION
3. UNFOLDING RENOVATION
4. UNFOLDING TRANSFORMATION
5. UNFOLDING, UNFAILING REVELATION OF THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

6. Col 3:17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,

7. AN UNFOLDING REALIZATION OF BEMA SEAT LIVING!
 - a. 2Co 5:10 For we must all appear before **the judgment seat of Christ**, so that each one **may receive what is due for what he has done** in the body, whether good or evil.
 - b. 1Co 3:13 **each one's work will become manifest**, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the **fire will test what sort of work each one has done**. ¹⁴ If the work that anyone has **built on the foundation** survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will **suffer loss, though he himself will be saved**, but only as through fire.

O. HOW WILL THIS MEEKNESS BE MADE MANIFEST IN THE LIFE OF A BELIEVER?

1. COMPLIANCE TO GOD'S WILL
 - a. THY WILL BE DONE
 - b. WHATEVER PLEASES GOD PLEASES ME
 - c. HE IS MY KING, I AM UNDER HIS SCEPTER
 - d. I AM UNDER THE GUIDED CONTROL OF THE MASTER
 - e. Mt 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who **does the will of my Father . . .**

2. BELIEVER WALKING IN MEEKNESS LONGS TO FULFILL "COL 1:9"
"...to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;"

3. GOD IS CORRECTING, REPROVING, REBUKING, INSTRUCTING ME
 - a. FOR MY GOOD→FOR HIS GLORY

4. There will be) CONTENTMENT IN HIS WAYS
 - a. WALKING IN HIS WILL
 - b. IN THE MIDDLE OF ADVERSITY→ I know that I am walking in the Will of God
 - c. I am CONTENT TO WALK IN HIS WILL

P. REALITY OF MEEKNESS FLOWS OUT OF A REALIZATION OF THE

ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

1. **GOD IS SOVEREIGN** →ABSOLUTE, TOTAL, 100 % CONTROL
2. **GOD DOES AS HE PLEASURES AND ONLY AS HE PLEASURES.**
3. **NO CREATED BEING CAN THWART HIS PURPOSES.**

IV. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER & THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS

- A. *Mat 5:5 “Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they [and they alone] shall be satisfied.”*
- B. **What is the definition of hunger?**
- C. **HEART OF EVERY PERSON IS CREATED WITH A VOID THAT CAN ONLY BE SATISFIED WITH JESUS**
- D. **PEOPLE LOOK IN ALL THE WRONG PLACES** (for this relationship)
 1. POSSESSIONS - PLEASURE-POPULARITY-POWER
 2. PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS
 3. PRETENSE OF RELIGION
- E. **HUNGERING & THIRSTING AFTER THE WRONG THING**
 1. HAPPINESS (Jesus didn't say blessed are they wh/ hunger & thirst after happiness)
 2. HAPPINESS BEFORE RIGHTEOUSNESS IS DOOMED TO FAILURE.
- F. **PROFESSING CHURCH IS DOING THE SAME THING**
 1. **HUNGERING & THIRSTING AFTER**
 - a. BLESSINGS
 - b. EXPERIENCES
 - c. EMOTIONALISM
- G. **HUNGERING FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS REALIZES HUMAN RIGHTEOUSNESS IS USELESS**
 1. *Isa 64:6 ¶ For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.*
 2. STANDARD IS PERFECT RIGHTEOUSNESS
- H. **WE ARE ALL UNRIGHTEOUS LAWBREAKERS**
 1. **ROM 3:10 THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS**
 2. **ROM 3:23 ALL HAVE SINNED**
- I. **WHEN HOLY SPIRIT COMES IN SALVATION, HE REPROVES OF.....**
 - a. SIN
 - b. RIGHTEOUSNESS
 - c. JUDGEMENT

2. Joh 16:8 "*And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.*

3. **FOOD & WATER ARE PHYSICAL NECESSITIES, RIGHTEOUSNESS IS A SPIRITUAL NECESSITY**

(GOOD NEWS)

4. 2Co 5:21 *For he hath made him [to be] sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

5. At Calvary God:

- a. FATHER Poured out his wrath on his sinless son

(1) SO HE CAN POUR OUT HIS GRACE & MERCY ON A SINNER LIKE ME

- b. FATHER TREATED JESUS AS IF HE HAD LIVED MY LIFE

(1) SO HE COULD TREAT ME, AS IF I HAD LIVED HIS LIFE

- c. FATHER PUT MY MANY SINS ON JESUS' ACCOUNT

(The sin debt of Rom 6:23 — death)

(1) SO HE CAN PUT JESUS' RIGHTEOUSNESS ON MY ACCOUNT

(2) Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all

(3) Gal 3:13 — Christ became accused for us

6. **WE ARE THEN JUSTIFIED BY HIS GRACE**

- a. DECLARED RIGHTEOUS
- b. MY SIN IMPUTED TO JESUS' ACCOUNT
- c. MADE RIGHT WITH GOD — BY GRACE THROUGH REPENTANT FAITH

J. **PARADOX — THROUGHOUT THE SANCTIFICATION PROCESS**

1. **permanently filled but are continually HUNGRY dissatisfied.**
2. **THROUGHOUT THE LIFE OF THE GENUINE CHILD OF GOD**
3. **ABIDING HUNGER & THIRST TO BE MORE LIKE JESUS, TO BE LESS LIKE SELF.**
4. **JUSTIFICATION — RIGHTEOUSNESS IMPUTED, SANCTIFICATION — RIGHTEOUSNESS IMPARTED**
5. **THERE IS AN ONGOING PROCESS OF PURSUING RIGHTEOUSNESS in life & consciousness IF WE ARE ABIDING IN HIM**

6. PURSUING CHRIST-LIKENESS IN PRACTICAL LIVING
7. *1COR 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:*
8. **SANCTIFICATION IS A LIFE LONG PROCESS**
 - a. **IT IS THE “ABIDING IN HIM” that John wrote about**
 - b. HUNGERING & THIRSTING TO KNOW HIM MORE
 - c. Mat 6:33 (abbrev) TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS
 - d. Rom 12:1 TO BE THAT LIVING SACRIFICE
 - e. WALKING IN HIS WORD--WILL--- WAYS

K. EVIDENCE I AM HUNGERING AND THIRSTING AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS?

1. **AM I PANTING AFTER THE PERSON OF JESUS**
2. **AM I PURSUING ABOVE ALL THINGS**
 - a. **RIGHT STANDING WITH GOD?**
 - b. **RIGHT CONFORMING TO THE WILL OF GOD**
 - c. **RIGHT RELATION TO THE WORD OF GOD**
 - d. **RIGHT LIVING IN THE SIGHT OF GOD**
 - e. (These are the questions to ask ourselves)
3. **DO I REFUSE ANYTHING THAT GETS IN THE WAY OF HUNGERING & THIRSTING?**
4. **DO I WELCOME ANYTHING THAT INCREASES MY HUNGER & THIRST?**
5. **DO I DESIRE TO BE AROUND OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE HUNGERING & THIRSTING AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS?**
6. **DO I REFUSE ALL RELIGIOUS SUBSTITUTES?**
7. **DO I PLACE MYSELF IN THE WAY OF BEING FILLED??**
 - a. (Do I get under the teaching that challenges me??)
8. **DO I PUT AWAY AMUSEMENTS THAT HINDER ME FROM GETTING TO GOD?**

V. DISCUSSION

- A. Are these beatitudes characteristics of my life?
- B. What has to change to ABIDE IN HIM even more?
- C. Am I really being Meeked continually?
- D. How is “hunger and thirst for righteousness” being displayed in my life?
- E. What is your plan to hunger and thirst more for Christ?