

Unit 6: Teachings of the Lord Jesus

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Week 1: Intro to the beatitudes

Objective:

- Compare the nature of the commandments between the OT & the NT
- In spite of the difference, God's goal for mankind is the same
- Sin begins at the heart
- "You have heard ... but I tell you"
- How to apply these commandments in our lives

Resources:

- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary on Matthew
- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary on Luke
- Catena Bible Commentary (Matthew)
- Catena Bible Commentary (Luke)
- HEMY's Bible study on Matthew
- HEMY's Bible study on Luke

Reading:

- Matthew 5

Key verse(s):

- "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Comments:

- Compare how the commandments in the NT are more spiritual as the believers are more spiritually mature
- Discuss the role of God's grace in being able to fulfil these commandments even the hard ones like love your enemies
- How the Lord Jesus elevated our perception of sin
- Discuss the gospel of the second mile
- **** make sure to include and discuss day-to-day examples for every commandment mentioned in the chapter ***

Review/recap questions:

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Homework:

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Week 2: Living by the Spirit

Objective:

- Commandments related to the fast (charitable deeds, fasting, prayers, etc)
- The eye is the lamp of the body
- Do not worry - making priority straight
- The do not judge command
- The gospel of the narrow gate

Resources:

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Reading:

- Matthew 6
- Matthew 7
- Luke 11

Key verse(s):

- "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is ^[1]₉ good, your whole body will be full of light." Matthew 6:22

Comments:

- Match Mathew 6&7 with Luke 11

Review/recap questions:

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Homework:

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Week 3: Woe to you

Objective:

- What does "woe" mean?
- Who are the scribes and who are the pharisees?
- Why are they receiving these warnings?
- What can we learn from these warnings?

Resources:

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Reading:

- Matthew 23

Key verse(s):

- "whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."
Matthew 23:12

Comments:

- In the last few times we talked about many commandments where the Lord said "Blessed are the"
- Today we will talk about a series of warnings
- These warnings although for the scribes and pharisees we ought to be careful not to fall into the same mistakes

Review/recap questions:

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Homework:

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Week 4: Intro to the parables + Parables of the kingdom

Objective:

- Learn the parables and their meanings
- How can we apply what we learned in our lives

Resources:

- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary on Matthew
- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary on Luke
- Catena Bible Commentary (Matthew)
- Catena Bible Commentary (Luke)
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- HEMY's Bible study on Luke

Reading:

- Matthew 13

Key verse(s):

- "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Matthew 13:9

Comments:

- A parable is a story in which a special meaning or a spiritual lesson is embedded
- A way to deliver the message in a simple way
- Parables are found only in the synoptic Gospels
- They are often stories based on the agricultural life that was familiar to His audience
- Some unfamiliar concepts, such as the kingdom of God, were compared to something from everyday life that could easily be understood
- It is the lesson of a parable that is important to us.
- "It is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning"

- | Parable | Matthew | Mark | Luke |
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| The Sower | 13:3-23 | 4:2-20 | 8:4-15 |
| The Hidden Treasure | 13:44 | | |
| The Pearl of Great Price | 13:45, 46 | | |
| The Growing Seed | | 4:26-29 | |
| The Mustard Seed | 13:31, 32 | 4:30-32 | 13:18, 19 |
| The Leaven | 13:33 | | 13:20, 21 |
| The Hidden Treasure | 13:44 | | |
| The Tares* | 13:24-30 | | |
| The Dragnet* | 13:47-50 | | |

Like the seed (Mk 4:26) Fruits based soil. Like the leaven, & mustard seed (Mt 13:31; Mk 4:30) Starts small, invisible but grows by God's grace Like hidden treasure, & Pearl of great price (Mt 13:44) valuable, worth the sacrifice, joy for the finder! Like wheat & tares, net (Mt 13:24) Opposition to the Kingdom Co-existence of good and evil until judgment (harvest, net cast).

- "Hear" occurs 19 times in Mt 13, 7 times in the parable. "Seed" - Word of God: (1) has life, (2) must be planted, (3) nurtured, (4) bears fruit. "Soil #1"- Hard, on rocky path, stolen by bird (Satan) "Soil #2" - shallow root, withers under persecution (flesh). "Soil #3" - Crowded, choked by thorns of the world (riches). "Soil #4" - Good. fruitful. Hears, receives, believes, & obeys. Which soil are you? Which soil do you want to be?

Review/recap questions:

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Homework:

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Week 5: Parables of Mercy and Parables of forgiveness

Objective:

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Reading:

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Key verse(s):

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Comments:

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Review/recap questions:

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Homework:

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Week 6: Parables of the Jewish Rejection + Parables of Readiness

Objective:

- Review the meaning of parables
- Discuss the "Jewish Rejection" and "Readiness" as categories of parables
 - Explain their meanings
- Read the parables and identify practical lessons we can learn from them

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- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary on Matthew
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- Catena Bible Commentary (Matthew)
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Reading:

- Matthew 21: 28-32 (The Parable of the Two Sons)
- Matthew 21:33-46 (The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers)
- Matthew 22:1-14 (The Parable of the Wedding Feast)
- Mathew 25:1-30 (The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins & The Parable of the Talents)
- Luke 12:13-21 (The Parable of the Rich Fool)

Key verse(s):

- "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming. "Matthew 25:13

Comments:

- "All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them, 35 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "I will open My mouth in parables; (Psalm 78:2) I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world." (Matthew 13:34-35)

"And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it. But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples." (Mark 4:33-34)

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- **Jewish rejection:** These are parables which describe how the Lord rejected the Jews.
 - The Lord cared for the Israelites, he provided for them and he looked after them for hundreds of years. They were not faithful towards Him and went after other Gods. Therefore the Lord rejected them and made salvation possible for everyone who believes in Him and live a holy life.
- **Readiness Parables:** These are parables which encourage us to be ready for the second coming. Like the parable of the wise and foolish virgins

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