

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

November 14, 2021

Sermons from the Sermon - Lesson 4 Case Studies in Genuine Righteousness (Matthew 5:21-48)

This morning we continue our series from the Sermon on the Mount called *Sermons from the Sermon* by looking at the six antitheses recorded in Matthew 5:21-48. These come as examples of a shocking statement that Jesus made in verse 20:

Matthew 5:20 (ESV)

20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Pharisees were viewed as the religious leaders of the day (the standard of righteousness), but Jesus frequently accused them of only striving to be seen by men (Mt 23:2-12, 25-28) and not for genuine righteousness or holy living. In these six examples, Jesus is showing how genuine righteousness cannot possibly be just what can be seen by others but must go deeper into total transformation to holy living.

When I was a part owner in a consulting firm, we developed a software product that was intended to help our customers improve certain processes within their business. As part of the marketing of this software we made several claims regarding its capability and the types of results our customers should expect. To back up these claims, we eventually wrote up real world “case studies” involving our customers where we explained how these claims were realized in real world situations.



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*My life is but a weaving
Between my Lord and me
I cannot choose the colors
He weaves so steadily
Oft times He weaveth sorrow
And I in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper
And I the underside
Not till the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly
Will God roll back the canvas
And explain the reason why
The dark threads are as needful
In the weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned*

I tend to view these six examples from Jesus as “Case Studies” meant to more fully explain the claim that Jesus made in verse 20 that genuine righteousness must exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees. In our time this morning, let’s examine these six “Case Studies” and their call to holy living and genuine righteousness.

- Case Study #1 - _____ (21-26)**
- Case Study #2 - _____ (27-30)**
- Case Study #3 - _____ (31-32)**
- Case Study #4 - _____ (33-37)**
- Case Study #5 - _____ (38-42)**
- Case Study #6 - _____ (43-48)**

PRAYER LIST

- **Freddie Brown** has been diagnosed with liver cancer

- **Isabel Johnson** 16-year-old diagnosed with leukemia for the third time. Acquaintance of Tim Agee

- Continue to remember **Kristine Garrett, Faye Waller, John Hayes, and Ann Reed**

SERVING TODAY (November 14, 2021)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Read: R. Mayo
Prayer: J. Walker

WORSHIP

Read: S. Shatto
Wait On Table: J. Walker
Serve: J. Buchanan, D. Demonbreun
Prayer: M. Reed