

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

November 21, 2021

Sermons from the Sermon - Lesson 5 The Motivation for Righteousness (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18)



This morning we continue our series from the Sermon on the Mount called *Sermons from the Sermon* by picking up at the beginning of Matthew 6. Even though we have changed chapters, the topic Jesus is dealing with has not changed as he is still providing practical application of what He said back in 5:20:

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.

In further exploring this statement regarding genuine righteousness, He provides the following warning at the beginning of chapter 6:

Matthew 6:1 (ESV)

¹ "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven."

This warning gets at the heart of our motivation for completing acts of righteousness. As previously noted, Jesus frequently accused the Pharisees of only doing things to be seen by others (Mt 23:2-12, 25-28), and here Jesus is warning his listeners about using this as a motivation. In the following verses (2-6; 16-18), Jesus uses the three chief acts of Jewish piety (giving, prayer, and fasting) as illustrations for this warning.

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"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him"

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Each of these illustrations follows the same pattern:

- (1) Warning not to do the act to be praised by men,
- (2) Guarantee that those who ignore this warning will get what they seek but no more,
- (3) Instruction on how to perform the act of piety secretly, and
- (4) Assurance that the Father who sees in secret will reward openly.

What should be our motivation for righteous living?

_____ (John 14:15, 21-24; 1 Cor 13; 1 John 4:7-21)

What does true righteousness look like that is driven by Love?

James 1:26-27 (ESV)

²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

_____ (James 3:1-12)

_____ (Matthew 25:31-46)

_____ (Galatians 5:19-21)

PRAYER LIST

- **Freddie Brown** has been diagnosed with liver cancer
- **Pat Agee**, Tim's father, suffered a TIA last week
- Jearmie's aunt **Louise Tinsley** is on hospice at home
- **Isabel Johnson**, 16-year-old friend of the Agees, was diagnosed with leukemia for the third time.
- **Hunter Crouch** will be getting a kidney transplant next week
- **Rachel Higgins** had a double mastectomy last week
- Continue to remember **Kristine Garrett, Faye Waller, John Hayes, and Ann Reed**

SERVING TODAY (November 21, 2021)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Read: C. Baker
Prayer: D. Billingsley

WORSHIP

Read: M. Reed
Wait On Table: J. Gupton
Serve: R. Mayo, J. Demonbreun
Prayer: E. Walker