

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
MATTHEW 6.5-15
JANUARY 9, 2019

INTRODUCTION:

1. For my righteousness to exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, I am to be more than what is seen on the outside. Jesus helps me to become a disciple from the heart.
 - a) I am to give attention to my attitude. (Matthew 5)
 - b) I am to give attention to my motivation. (Matthew 6)
 - c) I am to give attention to Jesus. (Matthew 7)
2. What motivates me to be a good person? Righteous person? Spiritual person? A Reward!
 - a) Some seek after the reward of praise from men. (Matt. 6.1,2,5,16)
 - b) We are to seek after the reward from God. (Matt. 6.4,6,18; Heb. 11.6; Col. 3.24)
3. **MATTHEW 6.5:** *“And when you pray.”* (v. 5-7). Four words for prayer. (1 Tim. 2.1)
 - a) Supplication (deesis): Asking God for a favor. (Heb. 5.7)
 - b) Prayer (proseuche): To talk to God. (1 Thess. 5.17)
 - c) Intercession (enteuxis): To pray on behalf of another. (Acts 8.24)
 - d) Giving of thanks (eucharista): Literally, well graced. Thankful for being blessed.

I. THE PRAYER OF THE HYPOCRITS

- A. **MATTHEW 6.5:** *“And when you pray you shall not be like the hypocrites.”*
 1. A hypocrite is someone who puts on a show, a performer. (Matt. 6.1)
 2. A hypocrite is someone who pretends to be someone he is not. (Gal. 2.13)
- B. **MATTHEW 6.5:** *“For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets”*
 1. Love (phileo): They are friendly with the idea of praying.
 2. Synagogues (sunagoge): The going together place. How do you pray?
 3. Corners of the streets: A place where there would be lots of traffic.
- C. **MATTHEW 6.5:** *“that they may be seen by men.”* (cf. Matt. 23.14)
- D. **MATTHEW 6.5:** *“Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.”*

II. THE PRAYER OF THE HOLY

- A. Pray unobserved.
 1. **MATTHEW 6.6:** *“But you, when you pray, go into your room”* (Luke 22.39)
 2. Do you have a specific location where you pray? A room? in the car?
- B. Pray undisturbed.
 1. **MATTHEW 6.6:** *“when you have shut your door”* (Luke 22.41)
 2. **MATTHEW 6.6:** *“pray to your Father who is in the secret place”* (1 Tim. 6.16)
 3. **MATTHEW 6.6:** *“and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”* I may not receive the accolades of my brethren, but I will receive the praise of my Father.

III. THE PRAYER OF THE HEATHEN

- A. **MATTHEW 6.7:** *“And when you pray do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do.”*
 1. **MATTHEW 6.7:** *“For they think that they will be heard...”* (1 Kings 18.26-29)
 2. We are to pray often and repeatedly. (Luke 18.1-8; 1 Thess. 5.17)
- B. **MATTHEW 6.8:** *“Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows...”*
 1. Know (eido): To know completely. God knows every need. (cf. v. 32).
 2. Prayer is not for God, but for me. (v. 30)