

Matthew Chapter Five

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Welcome or welcome back to BibleStudyMinistry.com – an online Bible study for Christians interested in learning more about the Jesus within the pages of the Bible. This week's Sabbath Bible study is a basic study on **Matthew chapter five!** Yes, we are going to study the entire chapter. So let's get right into, because this is a very beautiful, detailed, and insightful chapter in not just the book of Matthew, but the entire Bible because it is a recount of some of the very teachings Jesus taught while in His ministry.

Matthew 5

King James Version (KJV)

5 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

First thing is that Jesus left the multitudes of people waiting to see Him. When He was set, He set among His disciples and taught them. Let's see what He opened His mouth to teach:

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be

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filled.

It is good to be meek because the earth is yours by inheritance. Also blessed are you if you hunger and thirst after always doing the right things, because the Lord will give you the mind to do the right things.

7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

These are B.I.G. big time verses; they are commanding you have mercy on others so that you can obtain mercy from the Most High. If you ever intend on seeing the Most High God (the Father), you must keep your heart pure. That is to keep your mind pure, and the best way to do that is to keep the commandments of God; mainly to love God and love your fellow brothers and sisters. Peacemakers need to stand up and continue to strive for peace. We should not be so quick to want to burst someone's head wide open because we disagree with them on a given subject.

No... we need to be peacemakers so we can be called the children of God. And also, take it as a blessing when you are persecuted for righteousness sake. You are trying to do the right thing[s]; and people are giving you a hard time or the short end of the stick for doing so. Stay patience because yours is the Kingdom of God, even the Father's Kingdom.

11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

This is one thing that you can take to the bank. If you claim to be following Jesus and sharing His message with others; it will not be smooth sailing. The reason why is because Jesus' message is controversial when put up against the ways of the world. Read your Bibles and you will notice, the prophets were not welcomed and neither was Jesus. So if you carry the same testimony and everyone loves you; I've got to say, you are not carrying the same testimony.

Jesus said in the book of Psalms that He is for peace, however when He speaks

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everyone of His enemies are for war (Psalm 120 v7). This gives us the inclination that Jesus is only welcomed by a small circle of people right now and you always can tell who by the ability to receive His entire message.

At any rate, when we do speak Jesus and are persecuted we should be happy when reviled for the Lord's sake, you have a great reward in the Kingdom of God.

13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

If you are a Christian, and specifically a spiritual child of Israel, you are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. You don't want to give bitter food to people; you don't want people walking in darkness. Therefore you have to shine your light for the world to see. You cannot be a tight-lipped, bad-behaving Christian because then the Father in Heaven receives no glory from you and your behavior. People have to be able to tell by your behavior that you are a child of the Most High God and also by your message when you speak.

If you believe in a ministry, you have to share it with people. If you have something to add to a ministry, you have to share so the ministry can share it with others. This is not the time to be tight with the information the Most High God has blessed you with.

Now we are going to move into some heavy material that people are shocked when they hear that Jesus taught this. In fact they are so shocked, they dismiss it as relevant. This is the material that gets Jesus and those that truly follow Him into trouble. Let's see...

17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Jesus did not come to destroy the law (Ten Commandments, Dietary requirements,

Annual Feast Days, and so on); neither did Jesus come to remove the message the prophets brought and taught. Instead Jesus came to fulfill. And Jesus is so adamant about this that He tells us with surety heaven and earth have a better chance at passing away than the tiniest part of His laws.

19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Let's pull out our ole mental credit cards and pay special attention to this verse in nineteen; it says whoever breaks the least commandments and teach others to do so also, will be called **least** in the Kingdom of Heaven.

On the flip side, whoever does the commandments to the best of their abilities and teach others to do the same will be called **great in the Kingdom of God**. Which one do you want?

20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

21 Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Not only are the commandments still in effect, they are stricter than ever because they are based in your mind and not just your actions. And we know the reason for Jesus to turn up the heat on us; it is because we do whatever is on our mind constantly. If you're constantly thinking about a married woman, you'll soon enough commit adultery. Therefore, do not even think about adultery, do not think about killing, do not get mad without a cause; because it will lead to evil and the breaking of the law.

23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

As Christians, we all need to hold this one to heart; that we must forgive others before we can even approach the throne of God. Imagine if you have children and they get into a squabble, and they do not fix the matter. They show up to the dinner table silent, disrupting the family continuity. Before they can eat and be in your presence, you are going to want them to 'kiss and make mends' of their situation. This is what the Father is commanding we do with each other.

25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

This pertains to having a disagreement in which you may be the wrong-doer or offending party. If you have the ability or opportunity, settle your matter with them out of court rather than going through the whole legal process. If not, you may be sentenced to prison and forced to pay a heavy fine. The underlying factor here is to learn to be able to handle your conflicts with good judgment and justice.

27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Not only are the commandments still in effect, they are even more binding as we mentioned and read earlier. Now people may consider this more harsh or demanding, however Jesus is only helping us to do better. Everything we do begins in our mind (heart); therefore just picturing your favorite married childhood star (such as Mariah Carey) in an intimate way is sin.

29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

We should not get this confused because plenty of people (including myself) will be blind and maim. The underlying message here is to cut off whatever it is that will make

you offend the Father. If you have a serious problem that is offensive to the point of making you want to cut your hand or pluck out your eye; I would advise seeking the Lord in fasting and prayer to remove that spirit from you.

31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

Thou shall not commit adultery is a commandment among the ten found in Exodus chapter twenty. As many times as Jesus has brought up the commandments in this very chapter should tell us that the commandments are certainly still active. Men should not be in the business of divorce, except for fornication by his wife. The phrase I'm hearing often is that "we grew apart." Well you sure as heck better grow back together! The world may say, that is understandable, that happens; however you will not hear Jesus say that at all. Work out your problems or someone get ready to pay the consequences for the divorce.

33 Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

Thirty-three through thirty-seven are a beautiful set of verses outlining the importance of your word. When you say you are going to perform something or do something, the God of Israel is listening and will hold you to it. Therefore it is not wisdom to swear at all. In communities I grew up in we'd hear people swear before God, swear on their 'unborn kids' or swear on their "mama" for whatever they were emotionally in tune with. This should not be. I'm sure during the days when the children of Israel were in Jerusalem, some swore before Jerusalem. Jesus says not to do this because Jerusalem is the city of the great King Jesus Himself.

38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

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39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.

41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

This is a heavy thing that Jesus asks of us, but He would not ask if it were too heavy. It is just that the world is conditioning people to react to everything. "If my boss does not give me a raise, I'm going to SNAP!" "If this jerk cuts in my lane, he's going to see the real me." These are not things we should take part in, especially as Christians. We are to lose the vengefulness that comes with humanity. We normally want to punch anyone that punches or even annoys us. We want to knock the tooth out of the guy who knocked ours; hate our foes, and curse all opposed to us. Jesus tells us to do differently as to show the power of God and whose children you are.

There is a book I once read where the author taught to do more than you are paid. This is certainly part of that picture that we go the extra mile in our patience and good deeds toward all, be they good or bad. It is not easy, but can be learned to be done.

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

The Father is who Jesus wants us to be like. The Father shines the sun on everyone. He waters every nation's crops, good or bad. So we can learn a thing or two from Jesus, the Most High, to love our enemies and foes. It strengthens your mind. Loving someone who loves you is very simple and easy. What reward is in that? If someone bought me a

car, house, supplied my food, kept me looking good, massaged me, kept me in tip-top shape, every moment I see them they will receive a big smile from me.

Whatever they wanted me to do, I would go the length to be sure it would get done. However, try doing that with the co-worker that gets on your last nerves. Try doing that with the neighbor that gives you the hardest time, the boss whose every move and utmost desire is to get you fired and into a homeless shelter. This is when this becomes a good ole fashion challenge. If you are able to handle it and perform this difficult task from Jesus, you are showing yourself the ability how to be the like the Most High God.

This is Matthew chapter five, a study that I believe we all need from time-to-time about our Christian conduct. It is powerful because it comes directly from Jesus to His disciples who have relayed it for us. Read it, study it, use it, keep it, and perform it for it is part of the duty of man.

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