

## MATTHEW 5:33-6:11

A. Matthew 5:33-37 - 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: Matt. 5:34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Matt. 5:35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Matt. 5:36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. Matt. 5:37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

1. In verse 34, [Swear not at all] has been used by many to say you cannot go into court, raise your right hand and swear to tell the truth. But that is **not** what it is a reference to. Jesus Himself validates that we **can**.
  - a. Matthew 26:62-64 - And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what *is it which* these witness against thee? Matt. 26:63 But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Matt. 26:64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.
    - (1) The high priest - "I adjure thee" is saying: "I put you under an oath to solemnly swear by the living God to tell the truth." And Jesus **answered** him.
    - (2) The Lord, when placed in a **legal** situation under oath to give a correct testimony, gives His testimony.
  - b. Also, remember what dispensation He is in. Most do not and that's why there is so much **con**-fusion. He is not talking about a legal situation where one cannot tell the truth. He is talking about their normal **con**versation.
  - c. "Don't swear" is saying don't make idle boasts or idle words, neither by heaven, earth, nor Jerusalem. Verse 36 is saying, just don't get involved with this talking because **you** cannot do anything about it anyway. It doesn't work.
  - d. Verse 37 says, do not go out there making oaths, boasts, promises, and **false** statements. Just mean what you say and let your word be your **bond**. The opposite of truth is evil.

Zephaniah 3:13 - The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid.

James 3:5-6 - Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! James 3:6 And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

2. Application - Watch our tongues, and it is good at times just to be **quiet**!

Colossians 4:6 - Let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

B. Matthew 5:38 - Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

\*Every time the media wants to try and **smear** or make a Bible believer look bad, this is a verse that is pulled out. But in truth, it is a Jewish social civil regulation and used only after a judicial decision has been made.

Deuteronomy 19:18-21 - And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, *if the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother;* Deut. 19:19 Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you. Deut. 19:20 And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you. Deut. 19:21 And thine eye shall not pity; *but life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.*

C. Matthew 5:39 - 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.

1. Just remember, this is not a **blanket** statement. If one was told to get drunk, cuss, steal, and commit immorality, don't you think the Lord would want him to resist? Aren't we to **resist** the devil?
2. It has the idea that the believer, especially in the kingdom, is not to respond in **like** manner. He is not to retaliate or seek vengeance to demonstrate the spiritual superiority of a believer's integrity.

\*In Christ's reign, justice will be swift - so **trust** Him.

Proverbs 20:22 - Say not thou, I will recompense evil; *but wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.*

3. Application:

Romans 12:17-21 - Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. Rom. 12:18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Rom. 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine: I will repay, saith the Lord. Rom. 12:20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Rom. 12:21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

I Timothy 3:3 - Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

D. Matthew 5:40-48 - And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have *thy* cloke also. Matt. 5:41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Matt. 5:42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. Matt. 5:43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. Matt. 5:44 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; Matt. 5:45 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. Matt. 5:46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? Matt. 5:47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more *than others*? do not even the publicans so? Matt. 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

1. As we can see, kingdom living will be at a higher standard than previously. God will want His people to be salt and light - **different** from other people.

Isaiah 60:3, 14 - And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Isa. 60:14 The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 61:5-6 - And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien *shall be* your plowmen and your vinedressers. Isa. 61:6 But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: *men* shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

2. In verse 48 [Be ye therefore perfect], it means to meet the requirements of verses 43-47. In these matters of treating people you don't like and they don't like you, you need to be perfect like your Father which is in heaven. You treat your enemies like **God** would treat them. Love them, pray for them, do them good, help them out - be like your Father.
3. The word "perfect" does not mean sinless. It means **completeness**.

II Timothy 3:17 - That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

## Chapter Six

E. Matthew 6:1 - Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

1. Matthew 5:48 tells them to keep their eyes upon their Father, so they can be like Him. Chapter Six says Father in verses 1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 14, 15, 18, and 26. That is the standard they will live by in the kingdom. It is the **New** Covenant of righteousness for the Little Flock.
2. [alms] is **money** that they gave to the poor.

Acts 3:2 - And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

\*They weren't to do this to be seen, as if they were special, for the show of men. They are not to toot their own horn. If they do, they will receive **no** reward from God.

F. Matthew 6:2 - Therefore when thou doest *thine* alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

\*Verse 2 is a **sar**castic overstatement to make His point. It is saying, do not give like they have a band with you, making a lot of pomp. Do not make a **big** deal out of it with a parade. That is the only reward you will receive for it.

G. Matthew 6:3-4 - But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: Matt. 6:4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

1. If you are going to do something for the Lord, don't do it for a **public** display. Do it privately between you and God. It is **then** you will receive a reward.
2. The issue is about your motive. You give with that heart attitude, as doing it unto the Lord. This is true in any age!

\*The reward here is what Jesus Christ brings **back** with Him when He returns.

1 Peter 1:3-4 - Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 1 Peter 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

Luke 14:11, 13-14 - For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. Luke 14:13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: Luke 14:14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

H. Matthew 6:5-6 - And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. Matt. 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

1. As giving is to be done privately and not for show, prayer is not to **brag** before men (Pharisees).
2. The motive again is your wanting to get with God and not to be seen of men. The issue again is to have the right motive of heart.

I. Matthew 6:7 - But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do*: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

\*It means to mutter or **babble**, using words over and over. He calls this a heathen practice. It is mindless, empty, and ritualistic **nonsense** (tongues-rosary).

J. Matthew 6:8 - Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

\*These Jewish believers will be on the **run** during the Tribulation. Can you imagine Antichrist and his followers chasing them? The system won't allow the Jews to purchase or buy, but then they read: "for your Father knoweth what things you have need of".

K. Matthew 6:9 - After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

1. Christ here gives them a model prayer, an **example** of how to pray. This is not the Lord's prayer, but it is the **disciples'** prayer.

2. This prayer is probably the **most** well-known among believers and lost people. Often it is used by sports teams, or when people gather at an accident site. It is used by most in Christendom and it is the official prayer of the **R.C.C.**.
3. This is **not** a Christian prayer, as we will learn from its content. It is a Jewish believer's prayer. It was never to be used in a mindless ritualistic way. Some **repeat** this prayer as if it's magical, to arouse God to give them a blessing or acceptance.

- a. Israel's remnant was to use it as an outline to help separate them from their apostate nation's praying. Christ is teaching His disciples to pray **intelligently** and in accordance with Israel's program.
- b. These words have nothing to do with **our dispensation**. Always remember the context. John the Baptist has been arrested. Messiah has come, but has been rejected in Judea. He is in Galilee and has chosen His disciples. Now He is teaching them kingdom **living** truth.

4. [Our Father] He is the Father of **Israel** and this was the prayer of the nation and its covenants.

Exodus 4:22-23 - And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn: Exo. 4:23 And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, *even* thy firstborn.

Isaiah 63:16 - Doubtless thou *art* our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, art our father, our redeemer; thy name *is* from everlasting.

Isaiah 64:8 - But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we *are* the clay, and thou our potter; and we all *are* the work of thy hand.

Jeremiah 31:9 - They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

5. [which art in heaven] Christ wanted them to have the mindset of **looking** for Jesus' return to earth (especially during the tribulation).

Note: Where did He belong? He's the Lord God of the **earth**. He removed His throne from earth to heaven. He is then called the LORD God of heaven, beginning with the time of the Gentiles.

\*Later its prayer is "Thy kingdom come...in earth."

6. [Hallowed be thy name.] Hallowing God's name in all the earth was God's plan and purpose through **Israel**.
  - a. Remember, God had **originally** created Israel to be His great nation on this earth (Gen. 6, 10, 12). Israel, by their faith and life, were to reflect their God so other nations could come to **know** Him.

Ezekiel 36:23 - And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

- b. With the kingdom coming, it would be time for Israel to hallow-demonstrate God in the eyes of the **rest** of the world. This was to be part of their prayers.

L. Matthew 6:10 - Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

1. [Thy kingdom come.] There are many within Christendom today who pray to extend-enlarge God's kingdom. But wouldn't that mean His kingdom was **already** here? Some men believe the church will straighten the world out and then Christ will return (A-Mill).
2. In this dispensation of grace, we are not praying for the kingdom to come. We are looking for the way **out** of this world at the Rapture.  
\*We know the kingdom is **not** here on earth at this time.
3. The disciples (remnant-Little Flock) are told to:
  - a. **Pray** for the kingdom to come
  - b. **Proclaim** the kingdom is at hand
  - c. **Practice** the lifestyle of the coming kingdom
  - d. **Promised** positions in the coming kingdom (cities & thrones)
4. [Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.]
  - a. This is an earthly prayer for an earthly people (Israel).  
\*I think this prayer is so popular today because man is so **earthly** minded. They want-demand this prayer be theirs!
  - b. [as it is in heaven.] How is God's will in heaven? It has **absolute** obedience to whatever God says.

M. Matthew 6:11 - Give us this day our daily bread.

1. The Jewish Little Flock-remnant, when in the tribulation, will need to be fed on a **daily** basis. They will be under persecution and will flee to the mountains. The last 3 1/2 years, they will be fed in the wilderness by **God**.
2. They will be **desperate**, but God has promised to feed them each day. This prayer is a **specific** prayer request from the remnant.

Matthew 6:31-34 - Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? Matt. 6:32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. Matt. 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt. 6:34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Revelation 12:13-14 - And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. Rev. 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.