
While many work in society with the attitude that you are either a victim or an aggressor, Jesus in coming to earth to make the will and way of God more familiar, had his most special "Messages for the Masses". You see that in the words of the Apostle Matthew or Mark centered around "multitudes", as an introduction of the famous Sermon on the Mount by Jesus.

"And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him, THEN He opened His mouth and taught them, saying..." (Matthew 5:1,2 and)

4-1: Multitude Messages of Jesus: In this time of economic stress and extreme difficulties for the masses of people, when it seems as though nothing will change and get better--a depressing and imposing emotion, with little comfort from knowing that you are in the majority while it is

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hard not to covet the wealthy and elite that prosper, it is time for the MULTITUDE MESSAGES of Jesus.

1. Many of the Multitude Knew Him: At first in the reading and/or hearing of Matthew 5-7, you may not get communicated to your human heart the "compassionate" feelings of Jesus for the "multitude" or "multitudes" like is more obvious in a similar introduction of the feeding of the 5,000 (Mark 6:33-44) and the later feeding of the four thousand (Mark 8:1-9). To make a point here, would you not admit that respectively 5,000 in attendance to Jesus is a mass or multitude as is the later feeding of the multitude of 4,000. You hear of the compassion here from Mark.¹

2. First at the massive multitude of 5,000. (Mark 6:33-44)

(1). *"But the multitude saw them..."*

Jesus and His apostles.

(2). *"...and many knew Him..."*

Something of the people make-up of the society of multitudes in that "many of the multitude" knew Him.

(3). *"...and ran there on foot from all the cities..."*

This is a better response that Jesus has today, but Jesus would tell them that they come for a lesser motivation in that they came because of the miracles they had seen or heard about. For the most part, it was not because of a love for Jesus or the Father that He represented perfectly; but because of the food or healing.

(4). *"They arrived before them and came together to Him."*

(5). *"And Jesus when he came out {out of the boat}, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep having no shephred."*

Jesus saw a great multitude. No matter how large the masses, Jesus and the Father have their eye on the individual in the crowd just as they have their "eye upon the sparrow".

1. It was actually from the Apostle Paul who wrote notes in his lawyer-like fashion as he had visits with Peter and James about Jesus, then after adding the many quotes from Jesus to manuscripts during the so-called 7 silent years of Tarsus, Paul left those manuscripts with John Mark as basis for the writing of the Gospel of Mark.

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Jesus was "moved with compassion for them". It does not require that a person be a church member, good, or even a Christian like the apostles with Jesus, for Jesus to have and show compassion. The compassion of Jesus extends to the whole mass of the world. It is the world that God and Jesus love.

Love for the Masses of the World

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

God Sent Jesus Into the World for Salvation

"For God did not send His Son in the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

The Unbeliever is automatic condemned now

"He who believes in Him is not condemned, but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he does not believe in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:16-18)

4-2: Love and Belief go hand in hand in that one can not have faith in God and Christ, even faith in the Bible, without love; and one can not have love of God, Christ, and the Bible without faith. Perhaps you did not see the connection between love and goodness as contrasted to a lack of love and evil when this series started with Psalm 37; however when it was stated that what separates the good and righteous from the bad and evil is love, that love consistent with the total Bible message and especially John 3:16-18 above is based on faith. Bottom line, faith in God the Father and what He did in the crucifixion of His only Son, showing massive love, responds in love to create more faith.

1. It is much like expressed in Hebrews 11:6.

"But without faith, it is impossible to please Him {God}, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder {requires a measure of love and respect for the goodness and mercy and grace of God} of those that diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6)

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2. Feeding of the multitude of 4000: Jesus' compassion on the Multitude because they have nothing to eat while they are seeking to be with Jesus (Mark 8:1-10). Look at the words of Mark, and then we will get into the "Messages for the Masses" of Jesus and as recorded in the Sermon on the Mount of Matthew 5-7.

"In those days, the multitude being very great and having nothing to eat..."

Jesus had that period of popularity with the masses before they really came to understand the requirements of kingdom membership as expressed in the Sermon on the Mount. They had heard some of it, but Jesus was primarily popular because He fed them and showed them miracles from God. Later, it was the cross that goes with feeding and miracles that they could not accept, and going counter to the wishes of their religious and political authorities.

"...Jesus called his disciples to Him and said to them, 'I have compassion on the multitudes because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And if I send them away hungry to their own houses, they will faint on the way, for some of them have come from afar.'"

Those like churches and Christians who would follow the example of Jesus should feed the needy even as a neighbor to Jesus in the parable of the good samaritan is one: (1) who encounters a needy in his travels; (2) who sees a need or know about it; (2) has the means to do something about it. Of course these days, it is the larger churches with their larger collections and funds that have the most opportunity to feed the needy.

4-3: Having sufficient Bible background on the compassion of Jesus for the masses or multitudes, we are now in a position to dive into Jesus' "Message to the Masses" of Matthew 5-7. It starts with the famous requirements for kingdom membership, better know as

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the “beatitudes” or criterions for happiness, such as “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for such is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:3)

1. There is just the way kingdom of Christ and of God is, it is made of the poor. You can think of very few times that Jesus taught and preached to the well-to-do such as Nicodemus. We are glad He did in that we have from that encounter, the great teachings from Jesus on the none month new birth, a birth from the spirit similar to the birth of the breaking of water from the womb in that they are both 9 months, but different in that the birth of the spirit is a second birth. Jesus came to primarily preach the gospel to the poor, Jesus taught that it is easier for a camel to place through the eye of the needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God; and Jesus warned of riches and the desire to be rich in that it promotes greed, the love of money, cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches, requires a selling out of the soul to Satan, and in most cases roots out and prohibits faith and love, definitely with few rare exceptions placing the wealthy and rich in the wicked of the world.

2. To understand the Beattitudes of “Happy or Blessed is he” is foundational to a Bible based CHRISTIAN VIEW OF LIFE AND LIVING. And you should be forewarned right now, that is it different from the custom and traditions of the world; it is far different than even the first apostles understood at first {when Jesus told them the dilemma of the rich young ruler they marveled, and said “who then can be saved”; it is different from what most churches and denominations are practicing today as they have compromised with the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches while they are professing Christians; and very few today can be enticed to join as demanded by the requirements for the kingdom, to be among: (1) the poor (Matt 5:5:3), (2) among the mourners, (3) among the meek as contrasted to the aggressive after success, (4) among those who hunger and thirst, (5) among the constant givers of mercy over law and harshness {you know the opposite of those who operate under the guidelines of “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth”, (6) among the pure as few want to be considered pure and practice the godliness of purity; (7) among the peacemakers, more had rather go to war or make money out of war, (8) among the persecuted {“all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution”}, and (9) among those who have evil spoken against them as they identify with Jesus and with the teachings of Jesus {never, ever, no matter what period of what nation, can it be popular to be a real disciple after Jesus}.

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4-4: A Short Summary of the Blessing to follow for kingdom members as given from the teachings of Jesus in Matthew 5-7.

1. **The Beatitudes or Blessings (Matthew 5:3-12):** The unusual and directly opposite of comfort, security, and status and success offered to the majority in the world, and as given in the Beatitudes or what it takes to make a kingdom member eternally happy or blessed. Every human being has the freedom of choice called soul competency to choose or reject kingdom membership, to make the short run choice or the eternal choice. Recently a Navy friend not seen since almost a hundred years ago said to me in discussing careers, "But you have had so many problems."

"Yes, I replied," as compared to the this life blessings of a blessed life materially, temporal and here on earth, with a company that prospered and prospered him; "but a blessing or blessings always came with the hard times, and God directed the paths and the footsteps."

2. **Good and Blessed Believers and Lovers of God** are called by Jesus the "salt of the earth and the light of the world." (5:13-16). You know one reason the light can not be hidden from sight is because such kingdom members are rare and so different from the rest of the world, even in America and in this present time. {Really, it should be said especially in America and in this present time as church and denominational members have so much kingdom blessings to fall away¹ from as compared to the most of the world.} Back when we were at the beginning of this series trying to separate the good from the evil, really a function of God and of the Bible, we were not ready for the full implications as the full teachings of the New Testament had not yet made clear that the good are the believers and lovers of God with certain specific blessings, and the evil are the unbelievers that do not love God and can expect eternally specific curses as justified.

3. **Laws, commandments, and Teachings of Jesus on (1) Murder, (2) Adultery, (3) Marriage in obedience to the commands and pattern of God with all else rebellion against His will for which forgiveness can be**

1. For more on the great apostasy of the Bible called the Falling Away, please read volume 4 of the Learn Christ Commentaries on "Christ, Paul, and the Falling Away". The book of Hebrews is the definitive book of the New Testament on the Falling Away.

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obtained, but must be confessed and prayed to God with petition; (4) on swearing, taking God's name in vain, and other loose and meaningless words, (5) on love, over legality, of going the second mile {very few people realize that the "royal law of love" as quoted in James is really from the law of the Old Testament, Leviticus x:xx}, and (6) on love of enemies. (Matthew 5:17-48)

The Law {alias the Old Testament} remains constant and stable, only gets fulfilled and positively made clear on: (1) the immutability and fulfillment of every word of the Bible; (2) on the least in the kingdom that break and teach the breaking on one of the words of law versus the great in the kingdom who teach and do not break these words of law {commandments}; (3) on the contrast between a supposed appearance of righteousness like the Pharisees of Jesus day--perhaps the most moral and religious generation ever, but outside the will of God and the teaches of Jesus, contrasted with a righteousness through faith and love that exceeds the righteousness of that very religious generation of all time.

4. Those that are good must do good in order to please God, more of the faith in and love of God the Father and of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthew 6)

(1). Hide the charitable deed, that is what contrast the last minute donations of the philanthropist from the good and loving who practices hidden charitable deeds all his life on earth. (6:1-4)

(2). The Model Prayer, sometimes called the Lords prayer, is both guidance for proper prayer but also a model way of thinking for the Christian View of Life and Living. (6:5-15)

(3). Love and faith in God, the kind that is salt and light, is not done for appearance to man, but rather for secrets in the presence of God. Another way that you can in this life tell the difference between the philanthropists who does it for appearance and adoration before men, or most often to ease his own conscience for a life of success, wealth, and self-seeking, and the kingdom good member about whom you will probably never here on this earth, only notice in the life to come. (6:16-18).

(4). Lay up treasures in heaven rather than on this earth (6:19-21).

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- (5). You are good if the light allowed through your eye is good. (6:22,23)
- (6). Impossible to love God and riches (6:24).
- (7). The Christian Life View of worry, fretting, what you seek, and tomorrow (6:25-34)

4-5: Some surprises from Jesus on the Christian way of life and living, seldom understood and implemtened, or practiced among Christians and church members. (Matthew 7)

1. If you judge according to the standards of the Bible, you will be judged according to the standards of the Bible. If your judgment is of the world, God Who made the world and your conscience, will also judge you according to your conscience and His creation designs. (7:1-8).
2. Kingdom member, alias the good versus the evil, alias the salt of the earth and the light of the world, keep "asking, seeking, and knocking". (7:7-12)
3. You must always know, according to Jesus and the very basis for kingdom membership that the majority on earth go the braod and prosperous and convenien way that ultimately leads to eternal destructiion, and the few minority of kingdom members must go the hard and narrow way that leads to eternal life. Who in the "many" of the broad way and the "few" of the narrow and hard way can not see in this the difference between the many of the majority in the world versus the few in the minority of the world. And back to the original teachings of Psalms 37, where God is always consistent and unchanging in His word, where the good are the righteous and the wicked are the unbelieving and unloving. While our understanding of the Bible may improve as we go forward from book to book, from Genesis to Revelation, and hopefulll many times, and with many times, God does not change one iota like His law and His character. Like the word and Jesus and the Father Himself, it is the "same yesterday, today, and tommorrow" as it is the same in the past, present, and future of the Bible Itself! (7:13,14)

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4. Even as God told Jeremiah the difference between the good figs and the bad figs of God's people, so on the larger scale of the whole kingdom and world, you will know the nature of the tree by the fruit it bears. (7:15-20)

5. A big surprise at the END among those who are really members of the kingdom of Christ and those who simply profess to be members of the kingdom from some philanthropic thing or things they have done. (7:21-23)

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord', shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven." (Matthew 7:21)

6. The wise and good man of the kingdom "keeps" and "does" this sayings or teachings of Jesus on the Christian View of Life and Living, thus building his house of life and living on the Rock. (Matthew 7:24-29)

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