

The Sermon on the Mount:
How the Christian Gives and Prays

Text: Matthew 6:1-18

I. Introduction

- a. Whereas Matt. 5:21-48 focused on the inner righteousness in how to think towards God, Matt. 6:1-18 focuses on the practices of righteousness, shown in three examples of religious activity: Giving to others, Praying to God, and Fasting for God.

II. The Theme: Religion without Hypocrisy

- a. If we practice our religion for _____, we will not please _____

III. Illustration One: Almsgiving (vv.2-4)

- a. There is a right way and a wrong way to give to others in need
- b. When you are helping others, do not _____ it; either to
 - i. Those _____ you
 - ii. _____

IV. Illustration Two: Prayer (vv.5-13)

- a. The Christian remembers _____ we pray and _____ we pray
 - i. The WHY:
 - 1. We pray to _____ with our _____
 - ii. The HOW:
 - 1. We pray to draw attention to _____
 - 2. We pray to _____ on _____
- b. The Lord's prayer is a _____ prayer for the Christian to use in their prayer life
 - i. The layout:
 - 1. The Audience: _____ Father

2. The Devotion to His _____ name
3. The Expectation of the _____ to reign again in this fallen world
4. The Commitment to the Lord's _____ and _____ they will be achieved.
5. The Declaration of _____ dependence
6. The _____ of the forgiven
7. The _____ and the pilgrim
8. The _____

V. Emphasis on the Heart (vv.14-15)

1. Jesus repeats the idea in verse twelve to emphasize the heart of Christian toward _____ who have hurt us

VI. Illustration Three: Fasting (vv.16-18)

1. Fasting is one of the ways that one practices _____
 - i. One of the “three pillars of Judaism”

VII. Conclusion

- a. Biblical and Godly righteousness is to be without hypocrisy
- b. Jesus illustrated how many were using the three pillars of Judaism as opportunities for self-promotion
- c. Jesus wants His people to be blessed by Him for doing the right things for the right reasons

Answer Key:

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- a. If we are practicing our religion for **OTHERS**, we will not please **GOD**

III. Illustration One: Almsgiving (vv.2-4)

- a. There is a right way and a wrong way to give to others in need
- b. When you are helping others, do not **ANNOUNCE** it; either to
 - i. Those **AROUND** you
 - ii. **YOURSELF**

IV. Illustration Two: Prayer (vv.5-13)

- a. The Christian remembers **WHY** we pray and **HOW** we pray
 - i. The WHY:
 - 1. We pray to **COMMUNE** with our **FATHER**
 - ii. The HOW:
 - 1. We pray to draw attention to **GOD**
 - 2. We pray to **LEAN** on **HIM**
- b. The Lord's prayer is a **SAMPLE** prayer for the Christian to use in their prayer life
 - i. The layout:
 - 1. The Audience: **OUR** Father

2. The Devotion to His **HALLOWED** name
3. The Expectation of the **KING** to reign again in this fallen world
4. The Commitment to the Lord's **GOALS** and **WHERE** they will be achieved.
5. The Declaration of **DAILY** dependence
6. The **PRACTICE** of the forgiven
7. The **PROTECTOR** and the pilgrim
8. The **EXALTATION**

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1. Fasting is one of the ways that one practices **SPIRITUAL LIFE**