

Our Father's Reward

Matthew 6:1-18

#9 Sermon on the Mount

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Monday: Read Matt 6:1-18 and identify the central idea of the passage. Who is being addressed? What are the key terms and phrases along with warnings and commands?

Tuesday: Read Matt 5:1-6:1. Relate the warning in 6:1 to the themes of chapter 5. Note the kind of righteousness Jesus wants in His followers and the righteousness of the Pharisees. Trace the use of the word "father."

Wednesday: Read Matt 6:1-4. Why is giving to the poor assumed? Contrast the rewards for doing so. Read 2 Corinthians 8-9 and discover primary motivations for giving to those in need. How are you applying this?

Thursday: Read Matt 6:5-13. Why is prayer assumed? What three approaches to prayer are revealed? Memorize the Lord's prayer and identify key principles for effective prayer.

Friday: Read Matt 6:14-15. If we are already forgiven in Christ (Romans 8:1; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 John 1:7) how does what Jesus said apply? Consider Ephesians 4:32-5:1. Who do you need to forgive?

Saturday: Read Matt 6:16-18. Why is fasting important? Read Isaiah 58 and discover the kind of fasts that delights God. Read Matt 6:19-24 and bring a friend with you to church tomorrow.