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MATTHEW			
Announcement and Arrival of the King Main Emphasis: His Credentials Birth Baptism Temptation CHAPTERS 1-4	Proclamation and Reception of the King Main Emphasis: His Message Sermon on the Mount Miracles Discourses Parables CHAPTERS 5-15	Opposition and Rejection of the King Main Emphasis: His Suffering and Death Spread of opposition Preparation of disciples Final predictions Crucifixion CHAPTERS 16-27	Resurrection and Triumph of the King Main Emphasis: His Conquest God's power Great Commission CHAPTER 28
The King	His identity: Israel's promised King		His destiny: "Crucify Him!"
Scope	Teaching the vast multitudes		Teaching the Twelve
Location	Bethlehem and Nazareth	Ministry in Galilee	Ministry in Judea
People's Reaction	Increased popularity		Increased hostility
Theme	Jesus is the King, Israel's long-awaited Messiah.		
Key Verses	16:16-19; 28:18-20		
Christ in Matthew	Jesus, the Messiah, fulfills the prophecies, promises, types, and expectations of the Old Testament Scriptures (16:16-19; 28:18-20).		

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Matthew 6:1-4 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. ²Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

What is the definition of hypocrisy and why is the church accused of being full of them?

Did Jesus suggest we give to the poor or command us to?

Do we lose God's reward if someone praises us for something?

What does it mean to not let the left hand know what the right is doing?

How can we let our light shine if we are to do everything in secret?


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OT Giving

- Tithe – 10% of income
- Freewill – giving above and beyond 10% for specific purposes such as building the temple
- Alms – giving to the poor

Eight Principles of OT/NT Giving:

- Giving is investing with God and puts us into the cycle of blessings
- Giving is to be sacrificial
- Giving is not related to what we have
- Giving correlates with Spiritual riches
- Giving is to be purposefully determined
- Giving is to be in response to need
- Giving demonstrates love and not the law
- Giving is to be generous



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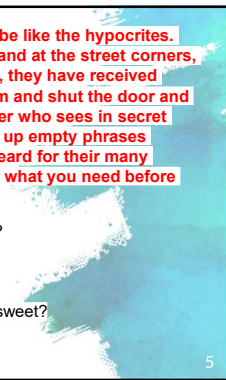
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Matthew 6:5-8 ⁵“**And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.** ⁶**But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.** ⁷“**And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.** ⁸**Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.**”

What is the mystery of prayer and the two major views?


Is Jesus saying that there should be no public prayer?

Are we being instructed to keep our prayers short and sweet?



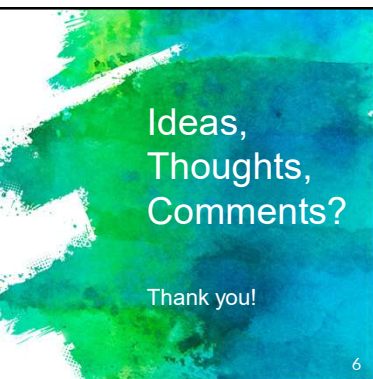
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