

2023.08.27 Morning Sermon in **Matthew 1:1–17**

1. **The True Adam**
2. **The True Abraham**
3. **The True David**

2023.09.03 Morning Sermon in **Matthew 1:18–25**

1. **The necessity of Jesus's godly parents**
2. **The necessity of Jesus's Holy-Spirit-conception**
3. **The necessity of Jesus's divine personhood**

2023.09.10 Morning Sermon in **Matthew 2:1–11**

1. **Hoping in Jesus as Deliverer**
2. **Subjecting oneself (rejoicingly!) to Jesus as King**
3. **Worshiping Jesus as God**

2023.09.17 Morning Sermon in **Matthew 2:12–23**

1. **The Son Who is opposite what we are** (cf. Hos 11)
2. **The Kingdom that is opposite what we deserve** (cf. Jer 31)
3. **The Humiliation that is opposite what Jesus deserved** (“the prophets,” cf. Ps 22, Is 53, etc)

2023.09.24, 10.01, 10.08 Morning Sermons in **Matthew 3:1–12**

1. **Requirement of Conversion: “Be ye converted!”**
2. **Urgency of Conversion: “for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”**
3. **Hope of Conversion: “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit”** (we can't give ourselves new hearts, but Jesus can)

2023.10.15 Morning Sermon in **Matthew 3:13–4:11**

1. **Jesus identifies with unworthy, unable sinners.**
2. **Jesus is almighty God, Who is able to give new hearts by His Spirit**
3. **Jesus is the worthy Man, Who deserves for His own to have new hearts, and is Himself their righteousness**

2023.10.22 Morning Sermon in **Matthew 3:17–4:11**

1. **The righteousness of persistent piety** (3:17–4:2)
2. **True Adam. The righteousness in which Adam failed to be: a seed of a righteous humanity** (v3–4)

- 3. True Israel. The righteousness in which covenantal/ ethnic Israel failed (v5–7)**
 - 4. True David. The righteousness in which kingdom Israel failed spectacularly (v8–10)**
 - 5. True Son. Angels come and attend Him Who is the heir.**
- 2023.10.29 Morning Sermon in **Matthew 4:12–25**
- 1. The Domain of Darkness and Death, v12–17**
 - 2. The King of Light Takes Some Subjects, v18–22**
 - 3. The King of Light Destroying Some Darkness, v23–25**

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Matthew 1, 1 through the end of chapter 4. These are the words of god. The book of the genealogy of jesus christ. The son of david. The son of abraham. Abraham got Isaac. Isaac, forgot. Jacob. And jacob begot judah and his brothers. Heretz and Zara by Tamar Perez begot heads are in and heads are in bigot ram.

Ramba got a minute. A minute, but got nation. Nation, we got salmon. Salmon, poets by Raham bohat's, begot Obed by ruth. A bed but got Jesse and Jesse begot David, the king. David, the king bigot, solomon by her, who had been the wife of Uriah Solomon got rehabo and rehabo and begot Ibiza abhisa.

Be got acai fact we got joram. Jurong. See if we got jotham. Jottland. Got a has he has begot has a keyer. Has a Kia begottenmanasam and assembly. Got, amen. Amen, begot to see it. If you see it bigot jackania and his brothers about the time, they were carried away to Babylon.

And after her word, after they were brought to Babylon, yakinia begotiatio shealtiel. Be got zoruba bills rubber bomba, got ibud, got alia came and Leah came the got adsor As orbital exotic zyduck begotten and Hakeem begot earlierd. Now he had begot Elliotts are the ads are? Begotten that Martin begotten.

Jacob. And jacob got Joseph. The husband of Mary. Of whom was born, jesus. Who is called christ? So, all the generations from abraham to david are 14 generations. From david until the captivity in Babylon, Babylon r14 generations. And from the captivity in Babylon until the christ's are 14 generations.

Now, the birth of jesus christ was as follows. After his mother, Mary was betrothed to Joseph before they came together, she was found with child of the holy spirit. Than Joseph. Her husband being a just man. And not wanting to make her a public example. Was minded to put her away secretly.

But while he thought about these things behold, an angel of the lord appeared to him in a dream saying Joseph son of david. To not be afraid to take to you. Marry your wife for that, which is conceived in hers of the holy spirit. And she will bring forth us on and you shall call his name, jesus.

For he will save his people from their sins. So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the lord, through the prophet saying, behold the virgin shall be with child and bears son. And they shall call his name, emanuel. Which is translated god with us.

Then Joseph being aroused from sleep did as an angel of the lord commanded him and took to him his wife. And did not know her. Till she had brought forth, her firstborn son. And he called his name. Jesus. Now, after jesus was born and bethlehem of judea and the days of Herod, the king behold, wise men from the east came to jerusalem saying Where is he who has been born, king of the jews?

For we have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him. When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled. And all jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the christ was to be born.

So they said to him in bethlehem of judea, For thus it is written by the prophet, but you Bethlehem in the land of judah are not the least among the rulers of judah. For out of you shall come a ruler. Who will shepherd my people israel? Then Herod when he had secretly called the wiseman, determined from them, what time, the star had appeared.

And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, go and search carefully for the young child. And when you have found him, bring back word to me. That i may come and worship him also. When they heard the king, they departed and behold the star, which they had seen in the east went before them till it came and stood over where the young child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, They saw the young child with Mary, his mother. And fell down. And worshiped him. When they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to him. Gold. Frankincense. And myrrh. Than being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod.

They departed for their own country in other way. Now, when they had departed, behold an angel of the lord appeared to Joseph in a dream saying arise, take the young child and his mother flee to egypt and stay there. Until i bring you word for herod, will seek the young child to destroy him.

When he arose, he took the young child in his mother by night and departed for egypt. And was there until the death of Herod that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the lord, through the prophet saying out of egypt, i called my son. Then Herod when he saw that.

He was deceived by the wise. Men was exceedingly angry. And he sent forth and put to death, all them hill children who were in bethlehem and in all its districts for two years old and under according to the time which he had determined from the wise men, then was fulfilled.

What was spoken by jeremiah the prophet? Saying a voice was heard and rama. Temptation weeping and great morning. Rachel weeping for her children refusing to be comforted. Because they are no more. Now inherit was dead. Behold an angel of the lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in egypt saying arise?

Take the young child and his mother and go to the land of Israel. For those who sought the young child's life are dead. And he arose took the young child, and his mother and came into

the land of Israel. But when he heard that archalayas was raining over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there.

And being warned by god in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, then it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets. He shall be called, and nazarene. And those days, john, the baptist came preaching in the wilderness of judea and saying repent.

For the kingdom of heaven as a hand. For this is he who has spoken of by the prophet isaiah saying. The voice of one crying in the wilderness. Prepare the way of the lord make his path straight. Now, john himself was clothed in camel's hair. With a leather belt around his waist and his food was locusts and wild honey.

Then jerusalem all judea and all the region around the Jordan. When out to him. And we're baptized by him in the Jordan confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them brood of vipers. Who warned you to flee from the raft to come?

Therefore bear fruits, worthy of repentance. And do not think to say to yourselves, we have abraham as our father, For, i say to you, that god is able to raise up children to abraham from these stones, And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees.

Therefore, every tree which does not bear. Good, fruit has cut down and thrown into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water under repentance. But he who is coming after me. As mightier than i. His sandals, i'm not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the holy spirit.

And fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. And he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. And gather his wheat into the barn. But he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. Then jesus came from Galilee to john at the Jordan, to be baptized by him and john tried to prevent him saying I need to be baptized by you.

And are you coming to me? But jesus answered and said to him, Permitted to be. So now, For thus, it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he allowed him. When he had been baptized, jesus came up immediately from the water and behold. The heavens were opened to him.

And he saw the spirit of god descending like a dove and a lighting upon him. And suddenly, a voice came from heaven saying, this is my beloved son. And whom i am. Well pleased. Then jesus was led up by the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

And when he had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, Afterward, he was hungry. Now when the temperature came to him, he said, if you are the son of god, command, that these stones become bread, But he answered and said it is written. Man shall not live by bread alone.

But by every word that proceeds, From the mouth of god. Than the devil, took him up into the holy city, set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him if you are the son of god, throw yourself down. For it is written. He shall give his change of angels charge over you in their hands.

They saw bear you up, lest you dash, you're put against a stone. Jesus said to him. And has written again. You shall not tempt. The lord your god. Again, the devil took him up on an exceedingly, high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

And he said to him, all these things, I will give you if you will fall down and worship me. And Jesus said to him, away with you, Satan, for it has been written, You shall worship the Lord, your God and Him. Only you shall serve. Then the devil left him.

And behold, angels came and ministered to him. Now, when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali. That it might be fulfilled, which was spoken by Isaiah, the prophet saying, The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light.

And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death, Light has dawned. From that time, Jesus began to preach and to say, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishermen.

Then He said to them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. They immediately left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father mending their nets. He called them.

And immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. Among the people, then, His fame went throughout all Syria. And they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics.

And He healed them. Great multitudes followed Him, from Galilee, from Decapolis, Jerusalem, and beyond the Jordan. I'm in the senses reading. Of God's inspired and inherent word. Rejoice that He adds His blessing to the preaching of it. Please be seated.

Well. Next day. Next. Lord's day. Lord. Willing. Lord sparing us. We will begin chapter 5 and what is commonly called the Sermon on the Mount? When Jesus actually goes up on the mountain. And not all of those who have been following and not all of these multitudes who have come to Him for.

Healing of sickness and disease who have come to Him for the sign. They don't all come to Him up on the mountain. It will be His disciples. To come away from the multitude to Him up on the mountain who have come not for the sign. The healings that we saw at the end of chapter 4, but for the things signified, for the King Himself.

And as we get into the sermon, on the Mount, Uh, we will receive instruction on the blessedness of His subjects and the conduct of His subjects. It is a replaying. As it were of. What the Lord did with His old testament church? Where He called His son out of Egypt.

And He gathered His people, whom He had separated from the world to Himself at the mountain. And He announced to them their blessedness in Him. Being the ones whom God had redeemed for Himself by His own power. And within the context of that redemption and that blessedness, He proceeds to give them His good law.

As His people. And so there's a very intentional display coming in chapter 5 through 7 of Jesus as Yahweh. The savior of His people. The one who extends His mighty arm in His power, redeems to Himself, a people who find their blessedness not at all in what they are.

But in all that god is For all that they were not. All that god could do. For all that they were powerless. To do. And the lord jesus who had displayed himself as jehovah at Sinai. Comes now in matthew 5, through 7 and displays himself as The god, the son in whom we know the true God.

And so we're looking forward to coming to here. The blessedness of the subject and the conduct. Of the subjects, the difference that belonging to jesus christ makes Just like the lord had announced to israel. The difference that belonging to the one true and living god was to make? And then from all the nations, A difference that.

We didn't get to see. Often. Or intensely. Among israel. Until the coming of christ. But before coming to the blessedness of the subjects and the conduct of the subjects, what the first, four chapters of matthew have done is introduce us to the king. Introduce us to king jesus, giving us his identity, giving us his character giving us his mission.

Displaying him. To us. Both in who he is and what he does. And in what we need him to be. For us. And so, we heard from the First 17 verses of chapter 1 in that genealogy. That jesus is the true, Adam. The true abraham. The true David. For 4 thousand years.

There had been hope and expectation of a seed of a woman who had crush the serpent's head. And jesus is. The christ he is. What came? Uh, This is the book of the genealogy. Of jesus christ. Just as you had the book of the genealogy of Seth In. Genesis chapter 5.

You remember the intentional use of that language identifying the hope in the line and Genesis 5 and in god's good providence? You were just reminded Of that godly line. And And how very much it came to hang by a thread through. The sin and folly of man. And yet if the thread is the divine purpose and promise of god, then as we have said before, it has an infinite, tensile strength.

And the reason it does is because now has come jesus christ and matthew introduced To us the book of the genealogy of jesus christ. He is the seed of the woman that was looked for throughout Genesis 5. That has been looked for for throughout 4 thousand years that you as a child of Adam looked for until you found him.

And if you have not found him, you are still looking You have a sense of what you should be as a man in the image of god. You have a sense of the knowledge of the god who made you in his image. And yet, if you do not have christ, the true Adam Then that sense comes with all of the dread of knowing that you are under his wrath.

For which reason wicked men pushed down. On the knowledge of god. But come and know jesus as the true Adam jesus as the seed of the woman who has crushed the serpent's head. And you may know God in jesus christ without fear, and the salvation we saw him as the true abraham.

The one in whom all of the families of the earth would be blessed. And so, Is the son of abraham. We saw him as the true jent, the king of all the nations. And so you must know jesus. Not only as the one who undoes. The work of the devil and who it turns for you and who is the, the seed, of a new humanity.

But as the one in whom all of your blessedness must come, if you are to be blessed at all. Everyone wants to be happy. We were designed to be happy because we were designed for god. And blessedness is found in him. Who is the ever blessed god? Now, jesus is that seed of abraham that abraham in whom all of the families of the earth are blessed and he is the son of david.

The true and righteous king. Then and versus 18 through 25 as we were introduced to christ by way of his birth, we saw the necessity Of his godly parents. And how god made the way for his son to come into the world in part. By giving him those parents who would obey things that jesus, even as a perfectly righteous baby, would still obey be a baby.

And he would need a father and a mother who, who had at least carry out those things. So that the externals of what was done on his behalf would match the internals Of who he is in himself, similarly, to how god gives covenant to children to godly parents. So that the externals of their bringing their children to god and attendance upon his means, would match the internals of the gracious work that god intends to do in those children.

As he. As he does the spiritual work in them, but the necessity of God jesus's godly parents. The necessity of his being conceived. Uh, by the holy spirit. So that he would not be federally in joseph before god. But he would be righteous. Before god and the necessity of his divine personhood.

That math that Joseph was to name him. Jesus. Yahweh saves. To fulfill the promise that he would be Emmanuel. Who is God with us? That it had to be god himself. Who came and his righteous in our place, god himself who came and atoned for us. Because we had a guilt before, god.

That was as big as god, we despised his glory. It was of his glory that we had fallen short. And so his birth announces that he is. The, the true and living god conceived. Now, as he adds a human nature to himself in the womb of the Virgin, Mary conceived by the holy spirit, And then in chapter 2, in the first, 11 verses.

We were introduced to the first followers outside of his own family. That matthew tells us about, And the first ones he tells us about are actually gentiles magi. The the spiritual or disciple? Discipling. Descendants Of daniel. Who were hoping in a deliverer that had been promised by the scripture and who are glad then to come and subject themselves to the king Who was born at the time that the scripture had told them that he was to be born and indeed came to worship him as god and brought those gifts.

That were emblematic of the tabernacle. Here now are Um, gold and incense and anointing oil. Not. Collected and offered to god at Sinai in the wilderness by israelites. But brought by gentiles, who knew from the word of god to hope in a jewish savior for all the nations. Who is god himself and the one in whom god, had come to dwell with man and they bow themselves before him.

Showing us how we should respond. Hoping in jesus as our deliverer. Gladly willingly, submitting ourselves. To the king. And rejoicing in. In his being god with us. So that the tabernacling of god is with men in the lord jesus christ. This, of course, was set over against how the, how the jews.

Here. Represented inherent. Respondent. Indeed, they'd been responding that way. Uh, for centuries. Out of egypt, i called my son. There's a reference to hosea chapter 11. And which the lord was bringing his case against Ephraim against the northern kingdom against israel. For having rejected him. And the lord jesus is the son.

Who does not reject the father. He is the son, who is opposite, what israel was and what we are. And his kingdom, his opposite, that which we deserve. As he is the fulfillment of Um, jeremiah 30 and 31. Those new covenant chapters. Uh, from which 3115 is quoted in matthew 2 verse 18.

This voice heard in rama lamentation we being great morning, rachel weeping for her. Children refusing to be comforted because they are no more reminder. That the Babylonian destruction of judah and jerusalem was actually what they deserved. But it was an announcement of what they had deserved within the context of a salvation that god was determined to bring anyway.

Parent is the king that we deserve. Many of you have prayed, uh, at various elections and it various times. Oh, lord, do not give us the government that we deserve, but give us a government. That is according to your mercy, well, here is the great government that is according to god's mercy, the government of king jesus.

And god in mercy towards those who deserve none. Has promised this new life, this new creation, this new world with this kingdom that has of heaven and earth in which righteousness, dwells, and then knowledge of god, covers the earth Has the waters, cover the sea. And matthew has announced to us.

That this baby. Was. Taken to egypt. Is the king. Even as the whaling cries. Go up in bethlehem. And the soldiers come. And they slaughter the babies. And then matthew. I'm sorry. End of chapter 2. He shall be called a nazarene. Remembering that the prophets plural. It doesn't have anything to do with the nazarite valves of different word.

Uh, but that jesus would be despised that when he came as a man. He came in a low condition, he came among a despised people, and he was And we can hear that the words echoing in our ears. Can anything good come out of Nazareth. Well, yes. God gave his son to be humiliated for our sex.

Humiliated for our six. Because we need to be converted and that was the great message of john. Who was the The elijah to come from Malachi or isaiah 40. The voice crying in the wilderness. Prepare the way of the lord. Jesus, of course, is the lord. He's always jehovah.

And yet there's a voice that came to lay mountains law and to lift up valleys to do that, which is impossible. And if you remember, Uh, we translated a little bit more, literally be. He converted For the kingdom of heaven is at hand. But what a hopeless message that is, if the there's not coming one, who can convert you?

Because if you need conversion, then you are precisely the last person on earth who can give conversion We cannot give it to ourselves. And this, we remember, When the pharisees and sadducees in verse 7, we're coming out. John says, who warned you to flee from the raft to come?

Their problem was they thought that by all of their baptisms and maybe just add this one to it by all of their efforts, by all of their good. Intentions, by all of their religious exercises that they could give them themselves with they needed? But you can't. If you're hoping in anything else.

Then that jesus christ by his spirit, will give you the new, heart will make you a new person. Then your hopes are unfounded. But it is god who promised. Uh, to take away the hearts of stone and give the heart of flesh. You remember in Ezekiel where he talked about washing them with With water, sprinkling them with water, and pouring out his spirit.

This god is the lord jesus christ. He is the mightier one who was coming. The one whom john himself needed. He wasn't saying you pharisees and Sadducees. You. Can't give your yourselves new hearts because you're pharisees and sadducees. You should become more like me. No. When jesus shows up, john says, i need to be baptized by you.

He says of himself the very thing that he had said to the Sadducees and Pharisees He says of you. You need this lord, Jesus, who came his god, from all eternity, but he added humanity to himself, And he was born of Mary and now he's an adult and he was living in Nazareth and Galilee and he came down.

To the Jordan to John's baptism why? In order to identify. With unworthy people like you are. In order to identify with powerless, people like you are. This was, of course, something that His cousin John. Didn't want to do because Jesus says not unworthy. And Jesus has not unable. And yet Jesus submitted himself to the baptism of John in order to fulfill all righteousness.

You and I need righteousness before God, don't we? And Jesus is the only one who can fulfill it. And even as he went into his public ministry right before, He went to those temptations that we that we heard about That we read about. In chapter 4, he identified himself with us, his fulfilling righteousness in our place, he was fulfilling God's righteous salvation of a people who needed righteousness.

The Lord Jesus. Has done that for us, he has The powerful and righteous king, but not just the powerful and righteous king. He is the living God. You remember when he comes up from his baptism? What is the first thing that he sees? Many of you. Hopefully remember the the well it's not so much a trick question.

It just exposes healthcare. Let's our reading is it's not the dove. The first thing he sees is have an openness. And from opened heaven comes the dark and lights upon him returning, as it were to the one who sends the dove forth Jesus prefigured there, and Noah identifying himself as the one who from all eternity.

Is the ever glorious God, who makes himself known displays himself in the heaven of heavens and you have not just the dog who comes from From the open heaven. What else? Came from the opened heaven? The voice. This is my beloved son. So very strong display and declaration by the triune God, of historical character, as he displays himself, most fully most finally, in his son.

This is the one who became a man to be our righteousness. The creator. Has given himself for the creature. Glorious mind, boggling salvation. And thus, we see. The God, man, Jesus led into the wilderness. To be what we always ought to have been, what we cannot be what he has been on our behalf.

And what we shall be like when he has done with us, I hope you remember, those ways of Of reading. Biblical imperative or biblical example here. The righteousness of his persistent piety. Who has led by the spirit to pray and fast. Who has meditating upon the word of God and had it ready to hand word Deuteronomy, which was given to Israel in almost the exact same location.

And, and who was exactly that from which he was living and thinking. So that he was he succeeded where Adam had failed. Adam had the food in the garden, but even more than that Adam had the words, the had proceeded from God's mouth. And he chose instead. To reject the word of God.

But Jesus, when offered to To think of God as a stingy father. Because Jesus was hungry. Confess that he was living by every word that proceeded from God's mouth that righteousness that you. And I ought to have that we grieve That we don't live by. And yet has been counted for us in Christ and we are being conformed to him.

Is the The true Israel. Refusing to put the Lord. His God to the test. The devil quoting from Psalm 91. About what the Lord would do. Jesus knew that? That was true because the Lord had said

it, Didn't demand evidence from god. Didn't put himself in the position of the one who tests whether god's word is true or not.

And exactly the opposite of what the lord says of israel in the wilderness. They tested me, they tried me. And so, he was angry. With that generation. And of course, He succeeded, where the kingdom of Israel had failed spectacularly. They were to be the ones who worshiped Yahweh, their god, and served him only, and we're alike to the nation's.

And the nations would be gathered to israel, because they served only the one true god. And yet what they had they done. They had tried to increase to establish their place and to extend their influence in the world. By adopting things from the nations. And so they brought in their idolatry.

And yet even the devil unwittingly he uses the language or maybe intentionally. He shows him all the kingdoms of the world. And their glory from an exceedingly high mountain. There's no physical mountain from where you can see that. But you remember what that exceedingly high mountain corresponds to in daniel The stone cut without hands that grew into that mountain and all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

Come to belong to him. This is rightfully christ's. And he succeeds in, obtaining it in the way. That the lord had given him to. He would not take the crown. Without a cross. He would not for a moment. Disobey the word of god. Or worship anyone else? He worshiped.

The lord, god only And use our righteousness. There as well. And so he comes now he who is these things in himself and he shows the power of his word. To make sinners his to make us righteous in himself. And we saw the the power of that word just in his calling peter and Andrew and james and john highlighted by what is less common in matthew.

It's one of mark's favorite words that in immediately immediately immediately of mark. But here. The lord calls to them and immediately they follow him. Not that there's anything wrong with fishing. But demonstrating the converting power of the word of jesus christ. So that you and i When we feel our need to be converted and we know that jesus is the one who gives us gives it.

We know also the mechanism by which he ordinarily gives it. Has worked. And so we can't, and we read the bible, not, because we think we will understand well enough or respond, well enough, but because he whose word it has also by his spirit uses that word to give that life.

Even as he showed the new creation power of the word by attending it with the science. And that brings us. To the end of chapter 4. And so, we have been introduced to the king. Almighty god. Become man. To be our righteousness. To put away our sin. To bring us to himself by a life that he gives and a faith that we get, he gives so that we will be his subjects.

And be members of his kingdom. Forever. Oh man, let's pray. Our gracious god and our heavenly father. We thank you. And praise you.

All of your word and for this portion of it, And which you have introduced us to your son. As. The promised. Seed of the woman. And seed of abraham, son of david. We thank you and praise you. Lord jesus for identifying yourself with us. We pray that you would help us by your spirit.

That we would respond to who you are. And what you are like and what you have done. Precisely by the power that you Exert. Through your word. Through your spirits. Use of your

word. Help us as we proceed in in the book of matthew, especially when we come To hear about our blessedness.

And our conduct as those who belong to you, Give. That which you? Proclaim, we ask in your own name. Lord, jesus. Amen.