

"Give Us This Day"

Matthew 5: 1 - 12

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Section 2: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Promoted By Formative Discipline, (Chpt. 5 – 7)

1. We must be taught the attitude of righteousness, (vs. 1 – 5)
2. We must be taught the abandonment of righteousness, (vs. 6)
 - a. We must abandon all other sources of sustenance & be nourished by God's righteousness, (vs. 6a)
 - 📖 Only in righteousness do we stand justified before God; *"As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?" (Psalm 42:1-2)*
 - 📖 Only in righteousness do we stand purified before God; *"... you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory." (Psalm 63:1-2)*
 - 📖 Only in righteousness do we stand accepted before God; *"My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God." (Psalm 84:2)*
 - b. We must abandon all other sources of survival & be quickened by God's righteousness, (vs. 6b)
 - 📖 Only in righteousness do we truly live; *"I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows. "And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God." (Luke 12:4-9)*
 - 📖 *"Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not labor for the food that PERISHES, but for the food that ENDURES to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." (John 6:26-33)*
 - c. Those who abandon all will be satisfied, (vs. 6c); *"O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? Selah But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him. Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Selah Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD. There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!" " (Psalm 4:2-6)*
 - 📖 *"Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple! " (Psalm 65:4)*

3. We must be taught the application of righteousness, (vs. 7 - 9)
4. We must be taught the antithesis of righteousness, (vs. 10 - 12)

“To Be Or Not” Series Outline

Matthew 3 - 12

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20)

The Lord Jesus Himself Has Told Us That True Righteousness Is Not A Ritual But A Nature, (Chpt. 3 - 12)

- Section 1: A Nature Of True Righteousness Has Been Displayed, (Chpt. 3 - 4)
- Section 2: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Promoted By Formative Discipline, (Chpt. 5 - 7)
- Section 3: A Nature Of True Righteousness Must Be Applied, (Chpt. 8 - 9)
- Section 4: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Divinely Expected, (Chpt. 10 - 12)