

Trinity Bible Church
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 Lesson 35

Dispensational Transitions

- I. From the Dispersion into Babylon to the close of the Old Testament
- II. Between the Testaments.
- III. The New Testament World.
 - 10. The Sermon on the Mount.
 - Q. No Parading of Good Deeds. Matt 6:1-18
 - 1. The Bottom Line. Matt 6:1
 - 2. Example 1: Giving. Matt 6:2-4
 - 3. Example 2: Prayer. Matt 6:5-15 (The Lord's Prayer)
 - 4. Example 3: Fasting. Matt 6:16-18

Matt 6:1 = The Summary Statement

L.T. = "Pay attention to not do your righteousness before the face of the men for the purpose of being beheld by them; if you do such you will absolutely not have a reward alongside your father who is in the heavens.

Summary:

- 1. Jesus is still addressing His disciples.
- 2. He is confronting the issue of trying to impress others, specifically with one's personal righteousness.
- 3. People seek to build their own Significance due to their own insecurities.
- 4. He is preparing His disciples for the coming Priesthood where their primary functions will involve giving, prayer and sacrifice. Heb 13:15-16
- 5. He is calling them to total holiness, not just that which looks good.
- 6. True righteousness gives, prays and sacrifices, but not to impress others.
- 7. Jesus set the example of paying more attention to others than self. Jesus paid attention to others and thus should we. Luke 5:27-28; John 1:38
- 8. We need to pay attention to the Holy Spirit. John 1:32
- 9. We need to "behold" Jesus Christ, not seek for others to "behold" us.
 - A. His glory. John 1:14
 - B. His works. John 11:45-46
 - C. His harvest of souls. John 4:35
 - D. His present position. Acts 1:11
 - E. His witnesses. Luke 7:24-26; 1 Jn 1:1; 4:12-14

10. **Seeking to draw favorable attention to self is a common action of hypocrisy.**
Matt 23:1-12

Principle: A Royal Priest should seek to draw favorable attention to God and others, not self.

Principle: Seeking the admiration of others is a true waste of time.

Principle: Our sights should be set higher than the things of earth.

Matt 6:2 = Giving: Don't Seek Honor from Men

L.T. = "When therefore you are giving alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites are doing in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be glorified by men. Truly, I am saying to all of you, They have their reward.

Matt 6:3 = Giving: Don't Dwell On It

L.T. = "But when you are giving alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.

Matt 6:4 = Giving: Don't Publish It

L.T. = that your alms may be in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

Principle: True Priestly giving is not done for self-promotion. Php 3:12-14

Summary:

1. **Jesus was tempted toward a prideful attitude of self-promotion. John 7:4,10; 8:54**
2. **Jesus was honest about His nature and ministry. John 18:20**
3. **Wisdom knows what to hide and what to openly present. Matt 10:25-28**
4. **True Judaism is first hidden in the heart which brings praise from God. Rom 2:29**
5. **The Father misses nothing and one day the "secret" things will be judged.
Rom 2:14-16; 1 Cor 4:5**
7. **And retain and nurture the good "hidden things." 1 Pet 3:3-4**