

Matthew #9- “Idols of the Soul (and Other Lessons from Jesus)”

Memory Verse - Hand out Scriptures to read (Matthew 18:1-19:30)

Matthew 18:1 (NKJV) *At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”*

The Greatness of Humility

Matthew 18:1–4 (NKJV) *At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

Mark 10:13-16 *Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. “Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.*

***Matthew 23:11,12** *“But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant, and whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”*

Matthew 6:1 *“Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them.” Give to be seen - Fast to be seen - Pray to be seen. Religion of Devils.*

Grandma Knows How To Cook

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. 'Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer.' said his mother. 'But I don't need to,' the boy replied. 'Of course, you do,' his mother insisted. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.' 'That's at our house,' Johnny explained. 'But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!'

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NKJV) *Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going. Wearing your medal of humility.*

The evil that led to Peter's fall and that shut out the Pharisee from communion with God is proving the ruin of thousands today. There is nothing so offensive to God or so dangerous to the human soul as pride and self-sufficiency. Of all sins it is the most hopeless, the most incurable. - COL - pg. 154

The Greatness of Forgiveness

Matthew 18:15–17 (NKJV) *“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.*

Matthew 18:21–22 (NKJV) *Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. 490 Years Daniel 9*

Mark 16:9 *“He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons”.*

Proverbs 24:16 *“For a righteous man may fall seven times and rise again. But the wicked shall fall by calamity”.*

Job 5:19 *He shall deliver you in six troubles, Yes, in seven no evil shall touch you.*

***Ephesians 4:32** *And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.*

Colossians 3:12,13 *Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.*

Idols of the Soul

Matthew 19:16 *Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”*
Mark 10:17–27; Luke 18:18–27

“This ruler had a high estimate of his own righteousness. He did not really suppose that he was defective in anything, yet he was not altogether satisfied. He felt the want of something that he did not possess. Could not Jesus bless him as He blessed the little children, and satisfy his soul want?”—Ellen G. White, DA p. 518.

1 Timothy 6:6–10 (NKJV) *Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*

Proverbs 23:4–5 (NKJV) *Do not overwork to be rich; Because of your own understanding, cease! ⁵Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; They fly away like an eagle toward heaven.*

Can a rich man be saved?

***Matthew 13:22** (NKJV) *Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.*

1 Timothy 6:17–19 (NKJV) *Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.*

What's in It for Us?

Matthew 19:27–30 (NKJV) *Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?"²⁸ So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.*

***Revelation 3:21** *To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.*

Prosperity Preaching

"We Are Able"

Matthew 20:20–28 (NKJV) *Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him.²¹ And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom."²² But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you*

ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able."²³ So He said to them, "You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father."²⁴ And when the ten heard it, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers.²⁵ But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.²⁶ Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.²⁷ And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Luke 9:51–56 (NKJV) *Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem,⁵² and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him.⁵³ But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem.⁵⁴ And when His disciples **James and John** saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?"⁵⁵ But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of.⁵⁶ For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village.*