

SERMON  
ON THE MOUNT

Matthew 5-7

# THE KINGDOM:

- ▶ Character of the “Blessed”
- ▶ Influence of the light/salt
- ▶ Unless your righteousness...
- ▶ Be holy as I am holy...

# 'HOLY' ACTIONS

- Things that draw us closer to Him
  - “when” assumes we WILL do these
  - Responses to our changed lives...
  - Never to EARN salvation, responses
  - Alms, Prayer, Fasting

# SEEN OF 'MEN'

- ▶ Does this contradict 5:16,20?
- ▶ Intention = “applause”– Acts 5
- ▶ “to be noticed” for your own sake
- ▶ Pharisees = big on this... churches
- ▶ Reward lost... Father is the #1

# GIVE ALMS?

- ‘good’ acts, mercy, gifts, justice
- “the poor” .... See 5:3!
- ‘His Hand Extended’ to others 25:34ff
- 1Jn 3:16-18; Acts 6; 11:29; 1Cor 16:2;  
2Cor 8!
- Sounding the trumpet? Full reward!

# FORGETFUL SACRIFICE

- ▶ **Left hand and right hand?**
  - ▶ **Keep it from those closest to you**
  - ▶ **Let Father see...**
  - ▶ **God is not blind, nor does He forget**
  - ▶ **Mt 10:42; Heb 6:10**

# WHEN 'THEY' PRAY...

- ▶ **Hypocrites again –**
  - ▶ “in order to be seen” – motivation
  - ▶ Love to pray to be seen or love of God
  - ▶ Not a spectator sport!
  - ▶ Reward ...

# WHEN YOU PRAY

- ▶ Inner room – secret, personal
  - ▶ Close out distractions, ‘applause’
  - ▶ Inward witness of the HS Rom 5:5; 8:16
  - ▶ Assurance of His “Abba” heart
- ▶ Pagan repetitions – 1Ki 18:26
- ▶ Father Knows...



# DISCIPLES PRAYER

- ▶ **Luke 11 – “teach us to pray...”**
- ▶ **Not mechanical repetition**
  - ▶ **“model’ in content, sentiment, focus**
  - ▶ **Plural in nature, community, family**
  - ▶ **“give...forgive...lead...deliver...”**

# FACETS OF THE DIAMOND

- **Fatherhood**
- **Kingdom**
- **Provision**
- **Grace**
- **Providence**
- **Protection**

**And the final piece...**

**FORGIVENESS**

