

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW PART 10

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Matthew 21:23-27 (NKJV)

23 Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?"

24 But Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things:

25 The baptism of John—where was it from? From heaven or from men?"

And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'

26 But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the multitude, for all count John as a prophet."

27 So they answered Jesus and said, "We do not know."

And He said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

Matthew 21:28-31 (NKJV)

28 "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.'

29 He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went.

30 Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go.

31 Which of the two did the will of his father?"

They said to Him, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. (sinners will go into the Kingdom of Heaven before these "religious men"... they

talked the talk ... but didn't walk the walk ... didn't do the Will
of The Father in Heaven)

NB Fundamentally ... a parable has one key point

Matthew 21:33-46 (NKJV)

33 "Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a *vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country.

***Isaiah 5:1-7 (NKJV) God's Vineyard**

1 Now let me sing to my Well-beloved

A song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard:

My Well-beloved has a vineyard

On a very fruitful hill.

2 He dug it up and cleared out its stones,

And planted it with the choicest vine.

He built a tower in its midst,

And also made a winepress in it;

So He expected it to bring forth good grapes,

But it brought forth wild grapes.

*3 "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
Judge, please, between Me and My vineyard.*

4 What more could have been done to My vineyard

That I have not done in it?

Why then, when I expected it to bring forth good grapes,

Did it bring forth wild grapes?

5 And now, please let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard:

I will take away its hedge, and it shall be burned;

And break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

6 I will lay it waste;

It shall not be pruned or dug,

But there shall come up briars and thorns.

*I will also command the clouds
That they rain no rain on it."*

**7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,
And the men of Judah are His pleasant plant.**

*He looked for justice, but behold, oppression;
For righteousness, but behold, a cry for help.*

34 Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit.

35 And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another.

36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them.

37 Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

38 But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.'

39 So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

40 "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, **what will he do to those vinedressers?"**

41 They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."

42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.

This was the Lord's doing,
And it is marvellous in our eyes'?"

43 "Therefore I say to you, (The Pharisees ... not the people ... in other words ... guys ... you are rejected!!) the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.

44 And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

45 Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them.

46 But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitudes, because they took Him for a prophet.

Matthew 22:1-14 (NKJV)

1 And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: 2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son,

3 and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. (the servants would almost certainly be the prophets)

4 Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding." ' (God is having a wedding ... their will be a bride ... there will be guests ... an invitation by a king to his guests)

5 But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business.

6 And the rest seized his servants, (the prophets) treated them spitefully, and killed them.

7 But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.

9 Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.'

10 So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. (that is still happening today)

11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. ("To see" ... Greek: theaomai ... to look closely at ... to view attentively ... TO INSPECT. A deliberate action by the King to see if the guests were suitable. It was the custom in these days ... that wedding garments were supplied to you ... so you would look the part. This man has not got those garments on ... 20TH CENTURY NEW TESTAMENT says this man had not put on his wedding garment. This man had chosen to come "just as he was" ... a Pharisee ... Rabbi so and so. Someone who dismissed the offer of suitable wedding clothes. You should just take me as I am. This man was being deliberately rude).

12 So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a **wedding garment?' And he was speechless.

13 Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

14 "For many are called, but few are chosen."

****Isaiah 61:10 (NKJV)**

10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,

My soul shall be joyful in my God;

*For **He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,***

He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments,

And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

****Revelation 3:16-18 (NKJV)**

16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

17 Because you say, "I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing"—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

Matthew 22:15-22 (NKJV)

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk.

16 And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. (these guys are liars at best ... and hypocrites at worst!!)

17 Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, you hypocrites?"

19 Show Me the tax money."

So they brought Him a denarius.

20 And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?"

21 They said to Him, "Caesar's."

And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." (He hasn't answered the question ... because it is a trick question)

22 When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left Him and went their way.

Matthew 22:23-33 (NKJV)

23 The same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him,

24 saying: "Teacher, Moses said that if a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother.

25 Now there were with us seven brothers. The first died after he had married, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother.

26 Likewise the second also, and the third, even to the seventh.

27 Last of all the woman died also.

28 Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her."

29 **Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.**

30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.

31 **But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying,**

32 **"I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob' ? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."**

33 And when the multitudes heard this, they were astonished at His teaching.

Matthew 22:34-40 (NKJV)

34 But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.

35 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying,

36 **"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"**

37 **Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'**

38 **This is the first and great commandment.**

39 **And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'**

40 **On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."**

Matthew 22:41-46 (NKJV)

41 **While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?"**

They said to Him, "The Son of David." (Jesus is called "Son of David" 14 times in the New Testament)

43 He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: (Jesus acknowledged that this psalm by David are inspired)

44 ***"The Lord said to my Lord, (Heb: Jehovah God says to my Adonai [The Lord Jesus])

'Sit at My right hand,

Till I make Your enemies Your footstool' "?

45 **If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?"**

46 And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

*****Psalms 110:1 (NKJV)**

1 The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at My right hand,

Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." (Psalm 110 is the most quoted psalm in the New Testament ... used directly 7 times and alluded to over 25 times)

Matthew 23:1-39 (NKJV)

1 Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples,

2 saying: "**The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat.** (NASB

The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses)

3 **Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do.** (How can that be right that Jesus would command

people to obey the Pharisees when they are hypocrites ... blind leaders of the blind who are heading for hellfire?? How does

that make any sense? The key is in the underlining Greek ... the

Greek words can be translated 2 distinct ways using the imperative mood or the indicative mood. The Greek is the same ... but the translation has to be based on the context of the passage. The imperative mood means a command is being given ... "That do!". The indicative mood means we are just describing the facts of a particular situation ... in context here ... Jesus is saying, "because the Pharisees have occupied Moses seat, therefore you are observing and doing whatever they say... but DO NOT DO according to their works. [For more understanding of the imperative and indicative in this verse you can refer to a book written by Bullinger entitled, "How to Enjoy The Bible") ****

******Matthew 16:5-12 (NKJV)**

5 Now when His disciples had come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.

6 Then **Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees."**

7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have taken no bread."

8 But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you have brought no bread?"

9 Do you not yet understand, or remember the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you took up?

10 Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many large baskets you took up?

11 How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread?—but to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

12 **Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.**

