

Lessons From the Sermon of Jesus on the Mountain Part 93

“12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. 13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. 15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. 24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.” (Matthew 7:12-27 KJV)

“12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.” (Matthew 7:12 KJV) Here the sum up of all the teaching of the Lord for His sermon on the mountain starting from *Matthew 5* until here. * Here the Lord is saying that whatever things people want them to do to you then you do it to them. Not only with the brethren only but as well as with the non believers. This is a call to go and achieve the hard teaching that you are not yet doing. * As you wish the best treatment from others then you need to do your part and your best to others. Jesus made it also clear here when He said ***“for this is the law and the prophets”***. He is telling and inviting each one of us to go back to the teaching that is in the Law of Moses and in the Prophets of the Old Testament and find out from them what are the things that you need to do to others so that you will be treated well as you wish that to be for you. * This is also a calling of God to read the Word of God, even the Scriptures of the Old Testament.

“13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:” (Matthew 7:13 KJV) The strait gate is the Lord Jesus Christ; He is the door to the sheep. ***“7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. 9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.”*** (John 10:7, 9 KJV) Through Jesus we are saved and He is the way to God the Father through His blood, and there is no other way; for Jesus is the way and the truth and the life, and no one can reach God the Father except through Him. ***Straight gate it means accompanied by trials, tribulations, hardships, persecution, affliction and suffering in***

order to walk with the ordinance of God and the will of God. “for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:” In the wide way is the way that you do what you want and you are free to go after the lust of your eyes and the desire of the flesh and the pleasure of sin and many they will go through it. The wide way you may like to walk through because there is no restriction in it, and many they like and they choose that, but it leads to destruction.

“14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” (Matthew 7:14 KJV) ***It is narrow gate and narrow way, that you are squeezed with trials, tribulations, affliction, persecution, rejection and sufferings. It is a way of hard work, a way of obedience, a way of doing God's will, a way to seek God and a way to live to please God, and a way that will lead to life and few will find it who are willing to pass through such way of suffering and afflictions.***

“15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.” (Matthew 7:15 KJV) Jesus here is warning them about the false prophets and false teachers who may come after Him and teach things contradict to what he was teaching to them of topics in His sermons on the mountain. Possibly He was warning them about the Pharisees and the Scribes who taught the people the commandment of men. Apostle Peter also warned about the false teachers, ***“1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.”*** (2 Peter 2:1 KJV) They come to the people hiding the wrong motive inside them, pretending that they are good, coming to the people with sheep clothing, but from inside they are ravenous wolves with their wrong motive in serving God.

“16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?” (Matthew 7:16 KJV) The goodness of the preacher and his doctrine determines the outcome of the fruit that appears on the branches. Good fruit like grapes and figs will not come out from thorns and thistles. ***The meaning is that from the false doctrines of men comes no good fruit of faith, holiness, joy, peace, and comfort. Therefore we need to go back to the Word of God and examine what we are teaching.***

“17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.” (Matthew 7:17) If the tree is using the Word of God for the doctrine and the way of life, then it will produce good fruit, salvations of souls, true repentance, holiness and living in God's will. But a corrupt tree that used the doctrine of man and not the Scriptures will bring evil fruit.

“18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.” (Matthew 7:18 KJV) Jesus here is confirming that the teaching that comes from the grace of God, based on the Scriptures, led by the Holy Spirit and in the will of God will never bring evil fruit. But a corrupt preacher who not use or depend on the Word of God, and who do not yield to the Holy Spirit or God's will his teaching will not bring good fruit of righteousness.

“19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.” (Matthew 7:19 KJV) Here the Lord announces judgment on the false preachers that

sooner or later they will be cut down and cast into the fire. Jesus means the judgment of God will come on those false teachers whose teaching has no fruit.

“20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.” (Matthew 7:20 KJV) The only way to know the people if they are genuine or not, is by the fruit that they will reproduce and there is no other way. The outcome of the false teachers and the false prophets is no fruit and under the judgment of God.

“21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 7:21 KJV) Not everyone who calls Christ Lord he is under subjection to Christ. That is why not all who call Christ ***“Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;”*** because you don’t know what is inside them in regard to Christ. But only those who do the will of God the Father will enter into the Kingdom of God.

“22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?” (Matthew 7:22 KJV) Many will say to Christ in that day, He means the day of His judgment or the day of His second coming. They will call Christ ***“Lord, Lord”***, but He was not their Lord who rule and reign over their lives. They will tell Him that they had done good things like prophesying in His name, starting mission work in His name, doing good work in His name, but in fact they used the name of Christ for whatever purpose, casting demons in His name, and doing many wonderful works and miracles and achievement through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. All those good things will not be of appeal to Christ, as long as they had done their own will and not the will of God the Father.

“23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” (Matthew 7:23 KJV) Christ will tell them publicly and in the day of judgment that He never knew them; the meaning of Christ here ***“I never knew you”*** is, *‘I never considered you as mine, or you are belonging to me; I never approved you, nor your conduct.’* Because Christ knew very well they did not follow Him nor they did the will of God the father, but they had followed their own will, plans and desires, and because of such He will command them to go away from Him, to be handed over for judgment because they worked iniquity.

“24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:” (Matthew 7:24 KJV) * Christ is calling them and calling us here to come back to Him and to come back to the Word that we heard from Him. Christ called them and is calling us to go back to the teaching that we heard on His sermon on the mountain. We need to go back to His Word. We are always to examine ourselves and see whether we are following Christ’s Word or other words. * Jesus said here to them and to us that we need to hear His Word and do them, and with such we are building our house on the rock, the strong and the stable foundation that we have in Christ and in His Word and His grace. Jesus will call the person who does such a wise man who heed the Word of God and take the warning and build his house on the rock.

“25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.” (Matthew 7:25 KJV) The

rain and the floods will come; Christ may mean with such is the trials and tribulations but the house will stand and will not fall because the house was built and founded upon the rock, upon Christ Jesus and His Word to us. The rain and the floods may it means also the rain and floods at the time of Noah, that everything was destroyed except the ark of Noah because it was founded and built on God’s Word and instructions.

“26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:” (Matthew 7:26 KJV)

Here Jesus is describing the person who heard the teaching of Jesus that he was teaching on the mountain and do not do them as the foolish man which built his house on the sand. It is not build on the rock and it will not stand the trials and tribulations.

“27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.” (Matthew 7:27 KJV) Again his work and what he built will be tested with rains, floods and with the winds that will come and beat that house and it will fall because it was built on the sand. The city of Enoch that was built by Cain destroyed by the flood but Noah was saved with his family by the ark that he built in obedience to God’s Word and His command. Noah heard God and did what God’s Word said to him and got saved with his family from the rain and the flood.

Here what Jesus was speaking to them and speaking to us is a warning: When you hear God’s Word and ignore and do not apply and implement in your life, then God will allow trials and troubles to come into your life and you and your work will be tested, and since it was not built on His Word and since it was not built on His command then it will fall and all your work will be destroyed.

My dear and beloved: Let us come now to the Lord. Let us repent of our sins. Let us do to others whatever we want them to do for us. Let us take the narrow way that lead to life. Let us come out from the wide way and all what we are doing of our own to be spared destruction. Let us check ourselves and the way we live our lives and find out if we are following the teaching of Jesus or our own. Let us live and behave as wise builder. Let us take heed of all what we had studied and learned from God’s Word and Jesus instructions from His sermon on the mountain and let us put them into practice and apply them in our lives so that we will be building our lives on the rock, and what we will build will stand until Christ will come and take us with Him to Heaven.

Let us pray.

My prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for the warning that we received today from your teaching and the guidance that we got from your Word and your sermon on the mountain.

Let us confess and renounce our sins. Renounce the sin of doing your own will and what you want. Renounce pride, lack of discipline and commitment, your selfishness and non concern about others, non willingness to suffer and serve God, your wrong motive in God’s service, using the gifts of the Holy Spirit for your own will and purpose. Renounce your greed, the love of money, your worldliness and your love for material things. Renounce doing your own plans and projects and rejecting doing the will of God. Lord I renounce and repent from the following sins_____.

Lord I am coming back to you, coming out from the wide way and from doing my own will and plans, back to the narrow gate doing your good plan for me. Lord I am coming back to your Word and to your teaching. Lord I am committing myself to apply them into my life to bear fruit that will last forever. Lord I commit myself once again to serve you wholeheartedly and to set my ways right before you.

Lord thank you for my brethren and sisters who repented of their sins and committed their lives to obey your Word and apply them in their lives. Lord restore them back to you and to the ministry that you had given to them. Lord use them to reproduce fruit that will last forever. Lord protect them from the evil one. Lord sustain them and provide all their needs so they will continue to serve you and walk in the way that you ordained for them to go through.

Lord bless us as a church as we commit ourselves to live according to your Word and the teaching that we received from you. Lord protect us from persecution and sustain us from the work of the devil so that we can continue to persevere doing your will on earth until you will come to take us to Heaven. Lord we commit ourselves to reproduce more fruit of the Holy Spirit, love, peace, joy, faith, faithfulness, gentleness, kindness, patience, self-control, long-suffering, and humility, so people will see you in our lives. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need to go and evangelize and reach new people, and make new disciples and train more workers to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all in Jesus' name, Amen.

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