

JESUS REJECTS PHARISAIC PRACTICES MATT 6:1-8 4/8/18

THE LORD TURNS FROM THE PHARISEES TEACHING TO EXAMINE THEIR HYPOCRITICAL DEEDS HE BEGINS WITH THEIR PRACTICING THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS BEFORE MEN TO BE NOTICED BY THEM

GOD LOOKS AT THE HEART THE QUESTION IS WHAT WE ARE DOING IS IT FOR OUR GLORY OR FOR HIS GLORY IF WHAT WE ARE DOING IS TO BE NOTICED BY MEN IT IS FOR OUR GLORY AND NOT FOR GOD'S GLORY

THEN JESUS ADDS YOU WILL HAVE NO REWARD WITH YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN GOD DOES NOT REWARD THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF MEN

OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS IS HIS WORK AND NOT OUR OWN THE REASON WE DO WHAT WE DO IS BECAUSE OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IN US WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP ALL THE GLORY GOES TO GOD

V2 JESUS SAYS SO WHEN YOU GIVE TO THE POOR DO NOT SOUND A TRUMPET TO DRAW ATTENTION TO YOURSELF AS THE HYPOCRITES DO IN THE SYNAGOGUES AND IN THE STREETS SO THAT YOU MAY BE HONORED BY MEN IF YOU DO YOU HAVE YOUR REWARD IN FULL

V3-4 BUT WHEN YOU GIVE TO THE POOR DO NOT LET YOUR RIGHT HAND KNOW WHAT YOUR LEFT HAND IS DOING IT IS NOT TO BE NOTICED BY MEN IT IS THE WORK OF GOD IN YOU IT IS BETWEEN YOU AND GOD NOT YOU AND MAN BECAUSE GOD HAS GIVEN YOU COMPASSION FOR THE POOR HE HAS CHANGED YOUR HEART YOUR REWARD WILL NOT BE FROM MAN BUT FROM GOD

V5-7 JESUS THEN SPEAKS TO THEM ABOUT THE PRACTICE OF PRAYER DO NOT BE LIKE THE HYPOCRITES FOR THEY LOVE TO STAND AND PRAY IN THE SYNAGOGUES AND ON THE STREET CORNERS SO THAT THEY MIGHT BE SEEN BY MEN THEY HAVE THEIR REWARD HERE

OUR PRAYERS ARE FOCUSED ON GOD AND NOT MAN WE KNOW THAT APART FROM HIM WE CAN DO NOTHING SO WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD IN ALL OUR WAYS GOD HAS CHANGED OUR HEARTS SO WE SEEK HIM OUR REWARD COMES FROM HIM AND NOT MAN

OUR PRAYERS ARE NOT MEANINGLESS REPETITIONS THEY ARE GOD FOCUSED AND GOD CENTERED HE IS OUR FATHER HIS LOVE FOR US HAS CHANGED OUR HEARTS OUR RELATIONSHIP TO HIM HAS BEEN RESTORED HE MEETS ALL OF OUR NEEDS ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY IN CHRIST JESUS PHILIP 4:19

WE ARE NOT TO PRAY LIKE THE PHARISEES WHO WERE PRACTICING THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS BEFORE MEN TO BE SEEN BY THEM WE ARE TRUSTING IN HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS TO PROVIDE ALL OUR NEEDS

YOUR FATHER KNOWS WHAT YOU NEED BEFORE YOU ASK HIM HE SAYS IN HIS WORD THAT WE HAVE NOT CAUSE WE ASK NOT MATT 7:7-11

PRAYER IS A PRIVILEGE WE HAVE AS HIS CHILDREN WE COME TO HIM WITH ALL OUR NEEDS KNOWING THAT HE WILL ONLY GIVE US WHAT HIS WILL FOR US IS WHAT IS GOOD TO THOSE WHO ASK HIM

WE ARE NO LONGER LIVING FOR THE PRAISE OF MEN BUT FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND AS HIS CHILDREN HE HAS REWARDED US WITH HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFORE HAND SO THAT WE WOULD WALK IN THEM EPH 2:10

THANK GOD THAT HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS IN US SURPASSES THAT OF THE SCRIBES AND THE PHARISEES MATT 5:20 OUR LIVES REFLECT HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS AS WE LIVE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AS SEEN IN OUR GIVING AND OUR PRAYING