## Galilean Ministry—Sermon on the Mount: Authentic Righteousness (April – May 31)

## Matthew 6:1–18

- 1 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.
- 2 "So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.
- 3 But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,
- 4 so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.
- 5 "When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. 6 But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.
- 7 "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.
- 8 So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.
- 9 "Pray, then, in this way:

'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

- 10 'Your kingdom come.
  - Your will be done,
  - On earth as it is in heaven.
- 11 'Give us this day our daily bread.
- 12 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- 13 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

  [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.']
- 14 For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
- 15 But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.
- 16 "Whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do, for they neglect their appearance so that they will be noticed by men when they are fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.
- 17 But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face
- 18 so that your fasting will not be noticed by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

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