

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

Matthew 6:1–18

- 1 “And take care not to practice your righteousness before people to be seen by them; otherwise you have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.
- 2 Therefore whenever you practice charitable giving, do not sound a trumpet in front of you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, in order that they may be praised by people. Truly I say to you, they have received their reward in full!
- 3 But you, *when you* practice charitable giving, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,
- 4 in order that your charitable giving may be in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
- 5 And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, because they love to stand *and* pray in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, in order that they may be seen by people. Truly I say to you, they have received their reward in full!
- 6 But whenever you pray, enter into your inner room and shut your door *and* pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
- 7 “But *when you* pray, do not babble repetitiously like the pagans, for they think that because of their many words they will be heard.
- 8 Therefore do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.
- 9 Therefore you pray in this way: “Our Father who is in heaven, may your name be treated as holy.
- 10 May your kingdom come, may your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven.
- 11 Give us today our daily bread,
- 12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- 13 And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
- 14 For if you forgive people their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
- 15 But if you do not forgive people, neither will your Father forgive your sins.
- 16 “Whenever you fast, do not be sullen like the hypocrites, for they make their faces unrecognizable in order that they may be seen fasting by people. Truly I say to you, they have received their reward in full!
- 17 But *when you* are fasting, put olive oil on your head and wash your face
- 18 so that you will not be seen by people as fasting, but to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

## Galilean Ministry—Sermon on the Mount: Kingdom First (April – December 31)

Matthew 6:19–34

- 19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and consuming *insect* destroy and where thieves break in and steal,
- 20 but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor consuming *insect* destroy and where thieves do not break in or steal.
- 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- 22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. Therefore if your eye is sincere, your whole body will be full of light.
- 23 But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be dark. Therefore if the light in you is darkness, how great *is* the darkness!
- 24 “No one is able to serve two masters. For either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You are not able to serve God and money.
- 25 “For this *reason* I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, what you will eat, and not for your body, what you will wear. Is your life not more than food and your body *more than* clothing?
- 26 Consider the birds of the sky, that they do not sow or reap or gather *produce* into barns, and your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth more than they *are*?
- 27 And who among you, *by* being anxious, is able to add one hour to his life span?
- 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Observe the lilies of the field, how they grow: they do not toil or spin,
- 29 but I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory was dressed like one of these.
- 30 But if God dresses the grass of the field in this way, *although it is here* today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not *do* so much more *for* you, you of little faith?
- 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’,
- 32 for the pagans seek after all these *things*. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these *things*.
- 33 But seek first his kingdom and righteousness, and all these *things* will be added to you.
- 34 Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow, because tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

## Galilean Ministry—Sermon on the Mount: On Judging (April – December 31)

Matthew 7:1–6	Luke 6:37–42
<p>1 “Do not judge, so that you will not be judged.</p> <p>2 For by what judgment you judge, you will be judged, and by what measure you measure out, it will be measured out to you.</p> <p>3 And why do you see the speck <i>that is</i> in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the beam of wood in your <i>own</i> eye?</p> <p>4 Or how will you say to your brother, ‘Allow <i>me</i> to remove the speck from your eye,’ and behold, the beam of wood <i>is</i> in your <i>own</i> eye?</p> <p>5 Hypocrite! First remove the beam of wood from your <i>own</i> eye and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye!</p> <p>6 “Do not give what is holy to dogs, or throw your pearls in front of pigs, lest they trample them with their feet, and turn around <i>and</i> tear you to pieces.</p>	<p>37 “And do not judge, and you will never be judged. And do not condemn, and you will never be condemned. Pardon, and you will be pardoned.</p> <p>38 Give, and it will be given to you, a good measure—pressed down, shaken, overflowing—they will pour out into your lap.</p> <p>For with the measure by which you measure out, it will be measured out to you in return.”</p> <p>39 And he also told them a parable: “Surely a blind person cannot lead the blind, <i>can he?</i> Will they not both fall into a pit?</p> <p>40 A disciple is not superior to <i>his</i> teacher, but everyone, <i>when he</i> is fully trained, will be like his teacher.</p> <p>41 And why do you see the speck <i>that is</i> in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the beam of wood <i>that is</i> in your own eye?</p> <p>42 How are you able to say to your brother, “Brother, allow <i>me</i> to remove the speck <i>that is</i> in your eye,” <i>while</i> you yourself do not see the beam of wood in your <i>own</i> eye? Hypocrite! First remove the beam of wood from your <i>own</i> eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck <i>that is</i> in your brother’s eye!</p>

## Galilean Ministry—Sermon on the Mount: Prayer &amp; Golden Rule (April – December 31)

Matthew 7:7–12	Luke 6:31
<p>7 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened for you.</p> <p>8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.</p> <p>9 Or what man is <i>there</i> among you, <i>if</i> his son will ask him <i>for</i> bread, will give him a stone?</p> <p>10 Or also <i>if</i> he will ask for a fish, will give him a snake?</p> <p>11 Therefore if you, <i>although you</i> are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him?</p> <p>12 Therefore <i>in all things</i>, whatever you want that people should do to you, thus also you do to them.</p> <p>For this is the law and the prophets.</p>	<p>31 And just as you want people to do to you, do the same to them.</p>

## Galilean Ministry—Sermon on the Mount: Fruit Inspectors (April – December 31)

Matthew 7:13–20	Luke 6:43–45
<p>13 “Enter through the narrow gate, because broad <i>is</i> the gate and spacious <i>is</i> the road that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it,</p> <p>14 because narrow <i>is</i> the gate and constricted <i>is</i> the road that leads to life, and there are few who find it!</p> <p>15 “Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inside are ravenous wolves.</p> <p>16 You will recognize them by their fruits: they do not gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles, <i>do they?</i></p>	<p>44 for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn plants, nor are grapes harvested from thorn bushes.</p>

<p>17 In the <i>same</i> way, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit.</p> <p>18 A good tree is not able to produce bad fruit, nor a bad tree to produce good fruit.</p> <p>19 Every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.</p> <p>20 As a result, you will recognize them by their fruits.</p>	<p>43 “For there is no good tree that produces bad fruit, nor on the other hand a bad tree that produces good fruit,</p> <p>45 The good person out of the good treasury of his heart brings forth good, and the evil person out of <i>his evil treasury</i> brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.</p>
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### Galilean Ministry—Sermon on the Mount: Conclusion (April – December 31)

Matthew 7:21–8:1	Luke 6:46–49
<p>7:21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter into the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.</p> <p>22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and expel demons in your name, and perform many miracles in your name?’</p> <p>23 And then I will say to them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you who practice lawlessness!’ [cf. <a href="#">Ps 6:8</a>]</p> <p>24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and does them</p> <p>will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.</p> <p>25 And the rain came down and the rivers came and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it did not collapse, because its foundation was laid on the rock.</p> <p>26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.</p> <p>27 And the rain came down and the rivers came and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it collapsed, and its fall was great.”</p> <p>28 And it happened when Jesus finished these words the crowds were amazed at his teaching,</p> <p>29 because he was teaching them like one who had authority, and not like their scribes.</p> <p>8:1 And <i>when</i> he came down from the mountain, large crowds followed him.</p>	<p>46 “And why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I tell <i>you</i>?</p> <p>47 “Everyone who comes to me and listens to my words and does them—</p> <p>I will show you what he is like:</p> <p>48 he is like a man building a house, who dug and went down deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And <i>when</i> a flood came, the river burst against that house and was not able to shake it, because it had been built well.</p> <p>49 But the one who hears <i>my words</i> and does not do <i>them</i> is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation, which the river burst against, and immediately it collapsed— and the collapse of that house was great!”</p>

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