

Matthew Ch 18

Class for Feb 5, 2023

Gospel of Matthew

Logos Class. Mod 5 Room 1

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Feb 5, 2023 – Matthew Ch 18*
- *Feb 12, 2023 - Matthew Ch 19*
- *Feb 19, 2023 - Matthew Ch 20*
- *Feb 26, 2023 - Matthew Ch 21*

My plan is to continue both In-Person and Zoom in 2023

Note: there are 28 Chapters in Matthew, so we are closing in on the end of this study, but we will deal with the Resurrection Sunday lesson and Passover as normal. More to come as we get closer. Easter is 4/9

Before we start...

- *Randy to share trip*
- *Short ICYMI*
- *Additional info from Last week -
Transfiguration*

In Case You Missed It

- Israel and the Middle East
 - Iran close to a nuclear bomb capability
 - Israel taking action now...drone, fires, IRGC take-outs
 - Terrorist activities up in Israel – forcefully putting them down
 - Temple Mount tensions as Jews want to pray on Temple Mount
 - Friction with Jordan
 - Sudan to join Abraham Accords
- Turkey and Iran and Russia in talks about shared interests, none of which help the West or Israel
- In the US
 - New retirement directive to permit pension and 401K managers to use ESG criteria for assessing allocation
 - Persecution and suppression increasing against Christians and traditionalists

Matt Ch 17 – One last thing...

Transfiguration question...what did Jesus, Moses, and Elijah discuss on the mountain?

Luke 9:30-31 gives us a strong hint:

³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.

Departure here = Exodus which suggests they discussed how Jesus would exit and return to earth in some detail

Matt Ch 18 - Some background before we start

Another discourse by Matthew where he gathers Jesus' sayings to make the point to the Jews that Jesus is the Messiah.

***Dr. William Barclay** says this chapter is about our personal relationships in the fellowship of believers and there are 7 key characteristics we can observe.*

1. Humility vv1-4

2. Responsibility vv5-7

3. Self-Renunciation vv8-10

4. Individual Care vv11-14

5. Discipline vv15-20

6. Fellowship vv19-20

7. Spirit of Forgiveness vv23-35

Matt Ch 18:1-5 Who is the Greatest?

*18 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “**Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?**”*

2 He called a little child to him and placed the child among them.

*3 And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you **change** and become **like little children**, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

*4 Therefore, whoever takes the **lowly position** of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

*5 And **whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.***

Humility

Matt Ch 18:6-9 *A Stumbling Block*

⁶ “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

⁷ Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come!

⁸ If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire.

⁹ And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell

Responsibility/ Self-renunciation 8-10

Matt Ch 18:10-14. Wandering Sheep

¹⁰ “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. ^[11] Lk 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

*¹² **“What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?***

¹³ And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off.

¹⁴ In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

Individual Care

Matt Ch 18 Parable of the Lost Sheep

What does it teach us about the LOVE of God?

- *An Individual Love*
- *A Patient Love*
- *A Seeking Love*
- *A Rejoicing Love*
- *A Protecting Love*



Matt Ch 18:15-20 *Sin in the Assembly*

15 “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.

16 But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’

17 If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

18 “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

19 “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

Discipline/ Fellowship

Matt Ch 18:21-26. Forgiveness and Mercy

*21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “**Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?**”*

*22 Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but **seventy-seven times.**(or 7x70 times)*

23 “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

24 As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold (talents) was brought to him.

*25 Since he was not **able** to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.*

*26 “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘**Be patient with me,**’ he begged, ‘**and I will pay back everything.**’*

*27 The servant’s master took pity on him, **canceled the debt,** and let him go.*

Matt Ch 18:27-31. *As we forgive others*

28 “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

29 “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

30 “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.

31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

Matt Ch 18:32-35

32 “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.

33 Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’

34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

35 “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Spirit of Forgiveness

For Next Week...

- *Come back again...either in person or online through Zoom*
- *Read Matthew Chapters 19 and 20*
- *Thank God for all He has done for you and us*
- *Pray for our country, State, County, and their leaders*
- *Pray for our Church, Pastors, and all members/visitors*
- *Pray for each other, and the specified prayer requests*

God Bless you all

Thank God each day for the strength to continue...