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Note from Pastor: Please feel free to ask questions don't be too shy to inquire, before, during, after class or contact us through the web through our YouTube page or email at www.4176sbaptist@gmail.com.

- All questions are welcomed and encouraged.
- Questions can make the teacher better able to communicate and give us a better sense in the application of the Word in our walk with GOD.

(John 8:32) And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Pastor's Comments:

- Reading, praying and meditating are helpful in living for Christ Jesus.
- The bible has both literal and spiritual meaning and application; don't over spiritualize or take it out of context.
- Carefully and critically listen to any person standing before you to teach the Word of God.
- Glorify God not men!!
- Don't use your experience as the standard instead take it and let the Word of God be the arbitrator.
- "New birth" means partnership with the Holy Spirit.
- Weigh things on God's scale; His is never unbalanced.
- (Ephesians 5:15) See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,
- (1 Peter 5:7) Casting all your care upon Him; for He cares for you.
- (Matthew 11:30) "For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."
- Pray that your coming to study the Word of God will not be in vain but be fruitful and beneficial to equip you in the Lord.



Study in the Gospel of Matthew:

Study in the Book of Matthew verse by verse is helpful for clarity.

Matthew/Levi; formerly known as tax collector, "Gift of God"

Review: Pastor's comments & Review

(Matthew 16:4) A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.

- **Jesus** called them hypocrites because they missed obvious signs (**Jesus**' previous miracles) about the coming kingdom of **God**.
- They looked for someone else other that **Jesus**, they had plenty of signs, they didn't want what **Jesus** provided, rejecting **Him**.
- It is either Christ Jesus or it's nobody; either for Jesus or against Him!

(Matthew 16:6) Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

Leaven is symbolic of evil. (13:33)

(Matthew 16:7) And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread.

(Matthew 16:8) Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?

(Matthew 16:9) Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

(Matthew 16:10) Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

(Matthew 16:11) How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?

- Detail here; Jesus speaks about leaven and they go to a lack of bread, even though they had been with and seen Jesus all this time; what is it that we think God can not do or that God is not able to accomplish?
- They demonstrated that they were people of little faith. (v.1)

(Matthew 16:12) Then understood they how that he bade them not beware



of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

• Beware of the teachings of those who stand before you.

(Matthew 16:13) When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? (Matthew 16:15) He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? (Matthew 16:16) And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

(Matthew 16:17) And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

- **Jesus** here demonstrates **He** was superior to all other gods and kings.
- Peter was blessed due to the Holy Spirit coming upon him in divine revelation, one of the aspects of the Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit will give understanding of what God says and the truth about the matter of who Jesus is.
- The bible cannot make you know who **Jesus** is, it doesn't give you a relationship with **God**; not knowing who **Jesus** is and without the **Holy Spirit** you will not know **Jesus**. Blessed are you when the **Holy Spirit** makes you know who **Jesus** is.

(Matthew 16:18) And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

- Peter meaning here rock/stone.
- **God** build the foundation of the church on **Jesus**, **He** ultimately is responsible for the growth of the church, build on **Jesus**.
- Prevail: suggest that something is happening to the gates of hell; is the church hell gate banging with power greater than hell's gate?

(Matthew 16:19) And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

- Permit or prohibit only what had already been permitted or prohibited in heaven.
- After witnessing one of the aspects of the Spirit, know what Jesus has done for Peter, God will do for you; the truth.
- The keys to the kingdom of heaven first so that whatever you bind on earth was bound in heaven first. You've got heaven first!
- There is nothing that goes on down here that heaven follows!
- Give you the **Savior** first; hell busting power first.
- The Lord doesn't follow you; He gives you the keys so you can get in,



so if **Jesus** is not the **Door**, where you're going is not heaven. Heaven doesn't follow us.

- **Jesus** speaks of **Himself** as the **One** who gives the keys to heaven.
- Jesus told the woman at the well who He was. That kind of relationship with Jesus will involve hearing from Him yourself; a conviction of the Holy Spirit.

(Matthew 16:20) Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

(Matthew 16:21) From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

(Matthew 16:22) Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

(Matthew 16:23) But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

- Peter's expectations still had not truly changed.
- An encounter is not the same as an indwelling of the **Holy Spirit**.
- Filled with the **Spirit** something happens; indwelling of the **Holy Spirit**, born-again happens only once; a relationship with **God** that never leaves you.
- We ought to live for the glory of **God**.
- Who is in charge here? Peter was thinking of himself.
- When you turn away from God you become devilish/Satanic.

(Matthew 16:24) Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

- To follow you have to deny yourself, follow Christ's example.
- Jesus is going to Calvary on His way someplace; He doesn't stay on the cross!

(Matthew 16:25) For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

Find eternal life.

(Matthew 16:27) For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works. (Matthew 16:28) Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

- The **Son** of man will come at the end of the age.
- Jesus' transfiguration, foreshadowing His resurrection and



glorification.

Chp. 17 Jesus Transfigured on the Mount

(Matthew 17:1) And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

(Matthew 17:2) And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

(Matthew 17:3) And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

(Matthew 17:4) Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

- Peter again thinking of himself selfishly.
- **God** is showing us character traits of us all; recognize these traits.
- These men chosen by **Jesus** are the foundations of all men.
- Don't allow these traits to cause you to not be okay with **God**.
- God is yet cleansing Peter;
- We all are dirt, what kind of dirt are you?
- These are the inner circle of **Jesus**; Peter, James and John.
- The **Lord** has been changed that exemplified **His** outward form to shine brighter than the sun.
- Who told Peter who Elijah and Moses were? He had another encounter with the Holy Spirit but still he spoke out of selfishly.
- God was still pleased to use Peter in spite of his shortcomings.
- The Holy Spirit will cause you to know some stuff!!