Outline: A Study in the Book of



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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 taking 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 careth for you.
- (Matthew 11:30) For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

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Study in the Gospel of Matthew:

Review:

Pastor's Comment:

- Having the ability to "quote scripture" isn't evidence that
 God sent someone to preach and teach His Word.
- You are either in Christ Jesus or you are not; there is no in-between saints.
- When we begin to tell God, it is Satan.
- (2 Corinthians 12:9) And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
 - Our power shines greatest in weakness.

(Matthew 7:6) Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

• Who are you talking? Have the witness of the **Lord**; don't waste time.

(Matthew 7:7) Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

(Matthew 7:8) For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

- (1 John 5:14) And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:
- Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane prayed to God this prayer: (Mark 14:36) And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.
- The prerequisite for asking, seeking, knocking is for those who are in a right relationship with **God**, the **Father** praying **His** will be done.

(Matthew 7:9) Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

(Matthew 7:10) Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

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How do you give to your children? Contrary to our sinful nature.

(Matthew 7:11) If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

- God's gracious gifts express our heavenly Father's perfect nature!
- Those who are **His** children.
- Guarantee from the Father that He will provide.
- (Matthew 6:33) But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- Doing this (seeking first) all things will find their worth to you.
- (James 1:17) Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
- We cannot do evil things unless we use the good things God has given us......Satan uses **God's** goodness for evil.
- Pray God delivers us from the inclination of evil; live holy and righteously.

(Matthew 7:12) Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

• Implies that following the Golden Rule shows are resembles to the heavenly **Father** though our rebirth.

(Matthew 7:13) Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

(Matthew 7:14) Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

- Narrow gate symbolizes the exclusive nature of Christ's kingdom; entrance requires doing the will of the Father in heaven.
- God's preference is for all to enter by the narrow gate, Jesus' morally restrictive teaching, obedience to God's will.
- The gate that is wide indicates that hell grants unrestricted entrance leading to damnation; many will go this way.
- (2 Timothy 2:15) Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.