



Lesson 58 – “The Least of These My Brethren”

Based on Matthew 25.

In our last lesson Jesus left the Temple for the last time in His Earthly ministry. The Disciples were in awe of the great building that was the center of Worship to the Divine God. Jesus had left the sacred walls and with Him the sacredness of all the rites and services that they pointed to.

1) What did He tell the Disciples?

Matthew 24:2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one _____ upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

2) What were His parting Words as he departed the Sacred Walls?

Matthew 23:38-39 Behold, your house is left unto you _____. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, _____ is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Jesus told them of the destruction of the Temple and the destruction of Jerusalem and made no mystery that it was a type for what the world would look like before the end of days.

3) Jesus gave a parable immediately after. What was it?

Matthew 25:1-5 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their _____, and went forth to meet the _____. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no _____ with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all _____ and slept.

4) In the parable, what happened at midnight?

Matthew 25:6-7 And at midnight there was a _____ made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

When you are using an oil lamp, you trim the wick so that when you light it, the flame will be clear and bright. An untrimmed wick is dim and sometimes smoky. If you want a nice bright flame, you trim the wick.

The trimming consisted in removing the charred portion of the wick, and raising the wick itself by means of a pointed wire which was fastened by a chain to each lamp. These operations would be followed by the replenishment of the vase with oil from the vessel carried for that purpose.

5) Was everyone ready?

Matthew 25:8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your _____; for our lamps are gone out.

6) What did the ready brides say to the others?

Matthew 25:9-10 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for _____ and _____: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was _____.

7) Did they get a second chance?

Matthew 25:11-12 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I _____ you _____.



In symbolic words Jesus showed us the necessity of being ready. He is the Bridegroom and we are invited the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

8) What Words of wisdom did He give us?

Matthew 25:13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the _____ nor the _____ wherein the Son of man cometh.

9) How did Jesus describe Judgement Day for all humanity?

Matthew 25:31-32 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the _____ of his glory: And before him shall be _____ all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

Christ on the Mount of Olives pictured to His disciples the scene of the great judgment day. And He represented its decision as turning upon one point. When the nations are gathered before Him, there will be but two classes, and their eternal destiny will be determined by what they have done or have neglected to do for Him in the person of the poor and the suffering.

10) What glorious Words will He speak to the redeemed?

Matthew 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye _____ of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

11) Why are they there?

Matthew 25:35-36 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was _____, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye _____ me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

12) Who are you serving when you help others?

Matthew 25:40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the _____ of these my _____, ye have done it unto me.

Jesus had told His disciples that they were to be hated of all men, to be persecuted and afflicted. Many would be driven from their homes and brought to poverty. Many would be in distress through disease and privation. Many would be cast into prison. To all who forsook friends or home for His sake He had promised in this life a hundredfold. Now He assured a special blessing to all who should minister to their brethren. In all who suffer for My name, said Jesus, you are to recognize Me. As you would minister to Me, so you are to minister to them. This is the evidence that you are My disciples.

13) What is the sign that all is right between you and God?

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for _____ is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and _____ God.

Those whom Christ commends in the judgment may have known little of theology, but they have cherished His principles. Through the influence of the divine Spirit they have been a blessing to those about them.



Even among the heathen are those who have cherished the spirit of kindness; before the words of life had fallen upon their ears, they have befriended the missionaries, even ministering to them at the peril of their own lives. Among the heathen are those who worship God ignorantly, those to whom the light is never brought by human instrumentality, yet they will not perish. Though ignorant of the written law of God, they have heard His voice speaking to them in nature and have done the things that the law required. Their works are evidence that the Holy Spirit has touched their hearts, and they are recognized as the children of God.

14) Who assists us as we assist others?

Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to _____ for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

The angels of heaven are sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation. We know not now who they are; it is not yet made manifest who shall overcome and share the inheritance of the saints in light; but angels of heaven are passing throughout the length and breadth of the earth, seeking to comfort the sorrowing, to protect the imperiled, to win the hearts of men to Christ. Not one is neglected or passed by. God is no respecter of persons, and He has an equal care for all the souls He has created.

As you open your door to Christ's needy and suffering ones, you are welcoming unseen angels. You invite the companionship of heavenly beings. They bring a sacred atmosphere of joy and peace. They come with praises upon their lips, and an answering strain is heard in heaven. Every deed of mercy makes music there. The Father from His throne numbers the unselfish workers among His most precious treasures.

15) Who are the "goats" in Jesus' parable?

Matthew 25:41-43 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, _____ from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no _____: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in _____, and ye visited me not.

16) When asked "When did we see you", what did Jesus say?

Matthew 25:44-45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it _____ to one of the least of these, ye did it not to _____.

17) Where do the sheep and goats go?

Matthew 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting _____: but the righteous into life _____.

Many feel that it would be a great privilege to visit the scenes of Christ's life on earth, to walk where He trod, to look upon the lake beside which He loved to teach, and the hills and valleys on which His eyes so often rested. But we need not go to Nazareth, to Capernaum, or to Bethany, in order to walk in the steps of Jesus. We shall find His footprints beside the sickbed, in the hovels of poverty, in the crowded alleys of the great city, and in every place where there are human hearts in need of consolation. In doing as Jesus did when on earth, we shall walk in His steps.

18) What attitude should we have?

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



The Saviour has given His precious life in order to establish a church capable of caring for sorrowful, tempted souls. A company of believers may be poor, uneducated, and unknown; yet in Christ they may do a work in the home, the neighborhood, the church, and even in "the regions beyond," whose results shall be as far-reaching as eternity.

19) What promise did God give to Moses and to all who labor in God's stead?

Exodus 33:14 And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee

_____.

When we realize that we are workers together with God, His promises will not be spoken with indifference. They will burn in our hearts, and kindle upon our lips.

Can you see Jesus is coming back in an hour we may not be ready for?

Would you like to be among the redeemed?

When is the time to help others?

"10 If you are slack in the day of distress, Your strength is limited. 11 Deliver those who are being taken away to death, And those who are staggering to slaughter, Oh hold *them* back. 12 If you say, "See, we did not know this," Does He not consider *it* who weighs the hearts? And does He not know *it* who keeps your soul? And will He not render to man according to his work?"
(Proverbs 24:10-12)