

GOOD MORNING!

Mat. 7: Sermon on the Mount:

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS (Pt. 2)

NO MORE WAVERING

	WITH GOD	AGAINST GOD
Mat. 6:19-21	Treasures in Heaven	Treasures on Earth
Mat. 6:22-23	Light	Darkness
Mat. 6:24	Serve God	Serve Mammon
Mat. 7:13-14	Enter in the Narrow Gate of Faith	Enter the Wide Gate of Unbelief
Mat. 7:15-20	Tree With Good Fruit	Tree With Bad Fruit
Mat. 7:21-23	Profession from Faith	Profession apart from Faith
Mat. 7:24-27	Builders of Houses on Rock	Builders of Houses on Sand

SERMON ON MOUNT: FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. The one who does not waver serves God because their HEARTS (6:21) are set on His heavenly things, which is where their EYES look, thereby filling their whole BODIES with light (6:22-23). This alleviates anxiety because God supplies all their needs by faith (6:25-34) – Is. 33:2-6; 26:3-4.**

- 2. Mat. 7:6-12: General Instructions**
 - a. Do not to go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans yet (7:6; 10:5; 15:21-28; Mk. 7:25-30; 1 Pet. 2:11-13; Jer. 46).**
 - b. While God’s ears were closed to the apostate nation, they will be open to the requests of the believing remnant (7:7-11; Is.1:10-16 comp. Is. 30:18-19; Is. 41:10-20; 26:20-21; Jer. 29:11-14; Ps. 27; Ps. 70).**
 - c. Take the general principles Jesus gives in the Sermon and apply them to all aspects of your lives (7:12; Lev. 19:18).**

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- 3. Mat. 7:13-29: Role of Faith in Jesus' Teachings**
 - a. Don't be dismayed by the fact that only a small remnant of Israel will enter the Gate of Faith, becoming the believing remnant (7:13-15; Is. 1:9; 10:20-22).**
 - b. Warning about unbelieving false teachers operating in accord with Satan's policy of evil against them (7:15-23).**
 - c. They needed to heed everything Jesus teaches them (7:24-29)**

APPLICATION OF THE SERMON TODAY

4. **When we teach this passage the way God intended in the context of Israel's Prophetic Program, we are accused of taking away God's Word by ignoring the practical applications.**

5. **This is wrong, a lie.**
 - a. **Spiritualize God's meaning out of the text and then trivialize it by filling it back in with whatever they want it to mean, thereby nullifying God's Word and throwing it away. (Ex. Mat. 6:25-28)**
 - b. **The only way to maximize God's Word is to leave His meaning in the text by rightly-dividing the Bible which magnifies His Word and Glorifies Him.**

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6. True practical applications can only be made from God's Word understood the way God meant it to be understood.
 - a. According to the dictionary, the word "practical" means something likely to succeed or be effective in real circumstances, so close to reality that it is considered so.
 - b. Take the Lord's Prayer (6:9-13), or the cure for anxiety (6:25-34; 2 Thess. 3:10), or the basis for forgiveness (6:14-15; Col. 3:13), missionary work (7:6; Eph. 3:1-6), the answers to prayer (7:7-8; Rom. 8:26-27; 2 Cor. 5:8-9), love command (7:12; Lev. 19:18 cp. Phil 2:4)--they do not work today. They are not "practical" truths for today.
 - c. To take them out of context and think they apply to today will not alleviate anxiety, fear and despair; it causes them.

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7. But on the other hand are there inter-dispensational truths that we can we can be generally applied to today? Are we supposed to be forgiving and trusting in God and be concerned about heart issues and love others and pray?

--Of course, but these inter-dispensational concepts are made practical when we exercise them in the light of Paul's distinct apostleship, discerning between God's Mystery program for the Body of Christ and His Prophecy Program for the Nation of Israel.

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- 8. According to Paul, the primary “practical” thing we are to learn from the non-Pauline Scriptures is the FAITHFULNESS OF GOD (Rom. 15:4-12).**
 - a. When we see God faithfully confirming and fulfilling His promises to the Nation of Israel in His Prophetic Program to re-establish His Glory on earth ...**
 - b. It strengthens our patience, increases our comfort and enhances our hope.**

Matthew Part 2: Mat. 8:1-16:20—FULL ENLIGHTENMENT OF ISRAEL

- 1. 8:1-9:38—the Light blazes: numerous unmistakable and undeniable signs of the Kingdom**
- 2. 10:1-42: There are multitudes responding to the light but the it became evident that the sheep were scattered, and they had no shepherds—commissioning of the 12.**
- 3. 11:1-12:50: The increasingly negative response to the Light.**
- 4. 13:1-52: Begins to hide the Light: Kingdom Parables.**
- 5. 13:53-15:39: Winds down Galilean ministry and heads into the darkness of Judea and Jerusalem.**
- 6. 16:1-20: Teaches the 12 what will be required of them in resisting the apostate religious system.**