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Day 283 – Matthew 6-7; Luke 6:37-49 •

In Matthew 6, Christ discusses three pharisaic practices of piety: almsgiving, prayer, and fasting. <sup>1</sup>

The Lord's Prayer is a model for our prayers. It begins with adoration of God, acknowledges subjection to His will, asks petitions of Him, and ends with an ascription of praise (though this may have been added later). <sup>1</sup>

*“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.”*  
Matthew 6:19

God feeds the birds not by miraculous supply of food but through natural processes involving the earth and the birds' use of their faculties. Likewise, the child of God, though sometimes the recipient of a miracle, is usually cared for my normal means. (Matthew 6:26) <sup>1</sup>

*“So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”* Matthew 6:34

Worry cannot add to one's life span; indeed, it can shorten it. (Matthew 6:27) <sup>1</sup>

*“Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.”* Matthew 7:21

In Matthew 7, what did Jesus say about people who hear and act on His words?

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Day 284 – Luke 7; Matthew 8:1, 8:5-13; 11:2-30 •

In Luke 7, what was Jesus' response to the men that came and asked him “Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?”

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John the Baptist was not like a reed that bends in whatever direction the wind blows it; rather he was a man of conviction. Neither was he given to soft living. (Luke 7:24-25) <sup>1</sup>

Day 285 – Matthew 12:22-50; Mark 3:20-35; Luke 8:1-21 •

*“Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven.”*  
Matthew 12:31

Technically, according to the scribes, blasphemy involved direct and explicit abuse of the divine name. Jesus here teaches that it also may be the reviling of God by attributing the Spirit's work to Satan. The special circumstances involved in this blasphemy cannot be duplicated today; therefore, this sin cannot now be committed. <sup>1</sup>

*“for just as JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”* Matthew 12:40

This phrase does not necessarily require that 72 hours elapse between Christ's death and resurrection, for the Jews reckoned part of a day to be as a whole day. Thus this prophecy can be properly fulfilled if the crucifixion occurred on Friday. However, the statement does require a historical Jonah who was actually swallowed by a great fish. <sup>1</sup>

What principle is Christ teaching in Matthew 12:49-50?

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Day 286 – Mark 4:1-34; Matthew 13:1-53 •

**The kingdom of heaven is like ..**

- the parable of the wheat and the tares (Matt. 13:24-30)
- a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field; .. when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants (Matt. 13:31-32)
- leaven, which a women took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened. (Matt. 13:33)
- a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. (Matt. 13:44)
- a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. (Matt. 13:45-46)
- a dragnet cast into the sea, and gathering fish of every kind; and when it was filled, they drew it upon the beach; and they sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but the bad they threw away. (Matt. 13:47-50)

Briefly describe the four types of soil discussed in the parable of the sower.

Some seeds fell beside the road \_\_\_\_\_

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Others fell on the rocky places \_\_\_\_\_

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Others fell among the thorns \_\_\_\_\_

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Others fell on the good soil \_\_\_\_\_

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Day 287 – Mark 4:35-5:43; Matthew 8:18, 8:23-24; 9:18-34; Luke 8:22-56

What miracle did Jesus perform for each of these people?

Man who lived in the tombs \_\_\_\_\_

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Woman who had a hemorrhage \_\_\_\_\_

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Daughter of the synagogue official \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> *Ryrie Study Bible*, Moody Press, 1995.