

## AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

Matt. 6:5-13

### Int.

1. Aim: To show that we should live here on earth as God desires.
2. Matt 6:10 (KJS) "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as [it is] in heaven."
  - a. The ASV says "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth."
  - b. (NKJV) "Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as [it] [is] in heaven."
  - c. We know a right prayer is "according to His will" 1 John 5:14
  - d. It must be God's will that things on earth be AS THEY ARE IN HEAVEN.
3. The disciples were being taught to pray:
  - a. That the will of God be done here among men as it is done in heaven among the angels.
  - b. They knew the will of God would be done in Heaven.
  - c. There is nothing to oppose the will of God in heaven.
  - d. The disciples are to pray that the will of God be done everywhere, at all times, and by all beings.
  - e. In praying that the will of God be done on earth, the disciples of Jesus commit themselves to the doing of his will and to the teaching of his will to others and encouraging them to do it. <sup>1</sup>
4. What should things be like here to be "as it is in Heaven?"

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<sup>1</sup>Commentary on Matthew - By H. Leo Boles P. 160

## Discussion

### I. EVERYONE DESPISES SIN.

- A. PSALMS 119:104 "Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way." Precepts = commandments
1. Sin is hated because of the terrible things it has done to humans.
  2. Rev. 21:27 "But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life." Defiles = pollute, unclean, to make profane, unholy
  3. 1 Tim 2:4 "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."
  4. Many people God loves and wants to go to Heaven will not be there due to sin.
  5. People in Heaven will realize how terrible sin really is.
- B. Do we REALLY DESPISE SIN like we should?
1. Are we ENTERTAINED by scenes of murder, violence, hatred?
  2. Are we ENTERTAINED by scenes of fornication & adultery?
  3. Are we ENTERTAINED by filthy language?
  4. Is it FUNNY to us to watch a drunk or a drug addict?
- C. Here on earth people are tempted to sin...
1. 2 Tim. 3:1-5 Men love many things, not things of God
  2. 1 John 2:15 Warned to LOVE NOT THE WORLD... "Love not the world, neither the things [that are] in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."
- D. If we are going to have things on earth as they are in heaven we must despise and hate and detest sin in every form and in every place and person!!

## **II. GOD'S AUTHORITY IS RESPECTED**

- A. In heaven the angels respect and obey God's will
1. They do it perfectly and they do it cheerfully
  2. There is no place in heaven for a will opposed to the Divine will
  3. Who would despise the authority of God in heaven?
  4. Rev 4:10-11 "The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."
  5. All there worship God and respect his authority
- B. But HERE, Bible authority is often ignored and scoffed at.
1. Some think it is truly unimportant
  2. Others make fun of it, think it is a joke
  3. Still others DESPISE it, and rebel - Few are humble enough to accept it.
  4. When we ignore His authority then we are wanting to change His authority.
- C. Heb. 5:8-9 "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;"
1. Jesus obeyed God in everything - he respected his authority
  2. He is the author of our eternal salvation
  3. But we must obey His will.
  4. It is not his purpose to save men in their sins, but to save men from their sins!
- D. The will of God in heaven and in the earth is respect for his authority !

### **III. EVERYBODY IS VALUED, FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST.**

- A. MATTHEW 18:10 "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."
1. Even "little ones" are remembered, considered there.
  2. Matt 10:28-30 God doesn't forget even a sparrow that falls.
- B. Here many feel unimportant..
1. Those who are not rich
  2. Those who are not powerful
  3. Those who feel their contribution in the church is less than that of others - not as talented
  4. Those who are different from most folks
- C. As Christians we are all valuable and important
1. Gal. 3:26-29 - all children of God - all one in Christ
  2. Baptized into Christ - become a new Creature
  3. Christ is the great leveler - we are all ONE - poor/rich , educated/uneducated  
Jew/Greek, bond/free, male/female, black/white, American/Asian
  4. Every one is valuable because we are Christians / we belong to Christ and we are heirs of the promise made to Abraham.
- D. If things on earth are like they should be we will all be valuable to God.

#### **IV. EVERYONE WILL ENJOY BEING WITH GOD, AND WORSHIPING HIM.**

##### A. Rev 4:8-11

1. All praised God continually...
2. Rev 22:1-5 God's glory characterizes the whole place.

##### B. Here we can be with God when we meet - John 4:24

1. Here our songs can praise Him, as we make melody in our hearts
  - a. Eph 5:19
  - b. Col. 3:16
2. We are warned not to forsake the assembly
  - a. Heb. 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."
    - (1) Some of the people in the first century would forsake
    - (2) Why? Fear of persecution, no interest, doubted the need for it, unhappy with some member or the preacher
  - b. Worshiping God is not optional - it is a command
3. On earth today some will not assemble to worship but forsake the assembly.
 

Why?

  - a. They do not enjoy worshiping God. They hate to sing, hate to give, and pray, don't enjoy the sermons, and don't care much about taking the Lord's Supper.
  - b. If things on earth are like they are in heaven you will enjoy worshiping God and will never forsake the assembly. Psalms 122:1 "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD."

##### C. In heaven the residents will enjoy worshiping God and praising Him

## V. EVERYONE VALUES THE LOST SOUL.

- A. Luke 15:7 "I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance."
1. Rejoicing in Heaven over one lost soul...
  2. If it is so now, surely it will always be.
- B. Sometimes we may not value souls like we should...
1. Don't make sacrifices to win them
  2. Don't make time to teach them
  3. Don't go out of our way to preserve them
  4. Mark 16:15-16 will be practiced by us when we value the lost souls of men.
- C. We need to value the souls of men like in Heaven... because...

## VI. EVERYONE THERE KNOWS THE VALUE OF OBEYING THE GOSPEL.

- A. The gospel is the only hope we have of getting there.
1. James 1:21 It is able to save our soul "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls."
  2. Inhabitants of Heaven, NOW AND LATER, will appreciate the value of obeying the gospel.
- B. How much is obeying the gospel valued now?
1. Some folks say it doesn't matter - saved by a good moral life ??
  2. Others make up their "own gospel" they think is just as good.
    - a. Preachers preach what people want to hear because it is easier and better for them--more lucrative too

b. 2 Tim. 4:3 "...teachers, having itching ears."

3. Some folks put it off and delay, sometimes for years
4. Some folks let any little obstacle at all stand in their way
5. Some are ready to listen to discouragement from anybody and will thus be dissuaded from obeying.

C. NOT THE ATTITUDE WE FIND IN HEAVEN. They know the importance of obedience to the Gospel.

### **Conclusion**

1. Suppose that an angel came from heaven to this earth and they were our neighbors.
  - a. Would they do the same things we are doing?
  - b. Would they go the same places we go?
  - c. Would they dress the same way we dress?
  - d. Would they attend services as often as we do?
2. Jesus taught his disciples to Pray "your will be done in earth, as it is in heaven". Mt.6:10
  - (1) Despise Sin
  - (2) Respect God's authority
  - (3) Everyone is valuable
  - (4) Enjoy Worshiping God
  - (5) Values lost souls
  - (6) Importance of obeying Gospel
3. Are we doing God's will on this earth in our life?
4. Are these things in your life HERE "as they are in heaven"?
5. We won't go to Heaven at all unless we plan and purpose to go and then OBEY GOD while we are here.
6. Why don't you obey the Lord today, to start on the road to Heaven and get a little closer today?

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