



# Tuesday, January 26

No quiz since I didn't get the notes up until late

But if there had been a quiz ....

# Objective for the day

I) Sermon on the Mount

Reading assignment for Wednesday:  
Matt 7: 24-28

Various teachings (we have to keep moving through the text or we won't get done!)

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you salute only your brethren, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Skipping a bit (we'll get back to it, but I want to look at prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as a group)

## Jesus teaches His disciples to pray:

And in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Pray then like this: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts, As we also have forgiven our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

# Τὸν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον

The bread of us the “epiousion”

epiousion = “supersubstantial” = “more real than reality”

Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

Thus, when you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

**WHEN** you give alms

**WHEN** you give pray

**WHEN** you fast

"When". Not "If".

# Hypocrite

Comes from the Greek word for an actor: Someone who pretends to be what he is not. It doesn't mean someone who fails to live up to his own standards because of weakness; it means someone who pretends to be what he has no intention of being.

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

(*mammon* = wealth, riches)

**And now, the moment you've all been waiting for!**

**The name of today's lucky contestant will be drawn, and answer some simple questions!**

1. What examples does Jesus use in teaching about anxiety and trust in God?