

**REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS
IS AT HAND**

(Matt. 3:1-3; 4:17, 23; 9:35; 12:5-7; 24:14; Luke 12:32)

- I. **God's Unchangeable Plan with His People – to Have A Kingdom of Priests on this Earth** (Exod. 19:5-6; Dan. 7:13-14, 22, 27; 1 Pt. 2:9; 2 Thess. 1:4-5; 2 Tim. 2:12; Heb. 12:22, 28; Jas. 2:5; Rev. 1:5-6; 2:25-27; 3:21; 5:9-10; 11:15; 12:5; 20:4,6; 22:3-5)

- II. **The Nature (Character) of the Sons of the Kingdom – the Humanity of Jesus** (Matt. 5: 3-12)

- III. **The Influence of the Sons of the Kingdom on This World** (Matt. 5:13-16)
 - A. The salt of the earth
 - B. The light of the world

- IV. **The High Standard of Righteousness of the Sons of the Kingdom** (Heb. 1:8-9; Matt. 5:17-20)
 - A. Concerning our temper (vv. 21-26)
 - B. Concerning the lust of our flesh (vv. 27-30)
 - C. Concerning marriage life (vv. 31-32)
 - D. Concerning our speaking (Ps. 120; Matt. 5: 33-37; Col. 4:6; James 5:12; 2 Cor. 1:17-18)
 - E. Concerning our attitude toward our enemies
 1. Not retaliating (Matt. 5:38-42; Prov. 20:22; 24:29; Rom. 12:17,19; 1 Thess. 5:15; 1 Pet. 2:23; 3:9)
 2. Love your enemies (Matt. 5:43-47; Luke 6:27-28, 34-35; 23:34; Acts 7:60; Prov. 25:21-22)
 - F. Be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect (Matt. 5:48; Luke 6:36, 40; 2 Cor. 7:1; Col. 1:28; 4:12; James 1:4; 1 Pet. 1:15-16)

- V. **The Righteous Deeds of the Sons of the Kingdom - in Giving Alms, Prayers and Fasting** (Matt. 6:1-18)

- A. Not in a hypocritical way to be seen by man
 - 1. Openly (theatrical) to be seen and admired by man
 - 2. To receive the glory of man
- B. The righteous way
 - 1. In secret – only to be seen by the heavenly Father, who sees in secret
 - 2. To receive the reward from the heavenly Father

VI. Special instructions concerning praying (Matt. 6:7-15)

- A. Not to use vain repetitions as the heathens do
- B. Avoid using many words
- C. The Father knows what we need before we ask
- D. A pattern of prayer – not intended to be a liturgy (vv. 9-13)
 - 1. For the Father's glory, kingdom and His will on earth
 - 2. For our daily necessities (physical and spiritual)
 - 3. For forgiveness of our debts <trespasses> as we forgive our debtors (Matt. 6:14-15)
 - 4. For deliverance from temptations and all evil (Ps.121:7-8; Jas. 1:13; 1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Tim. 4:17-18; 2 Pet. 2:9a)
 - 5. Complete trust in God our Father and fully dependent upon Him

VII. The Righteous Way of the Sons of the Kingdom to Deal with the Treasures on Earth (Matt. 6:19-24)

- A. Not to lay up treasures on earth, but in heaven – a matter of our heart (Luke 12:21; 18:22-30; 1 Tim. 6:8-10; Heb. 13:5;)
 - 1. Seeking the things above, where Christ is (Col. 3:1-2; Ps. 119:36-37)
 - 2. Not serving two masters – God and mammon (Matt. 4:10; Luke 16:13; 1 John 2:15-16; James 4:4)
- B. Not being anxious for our living (Matt. 6:25-34)
 - 1. The heavenly Father knows our needs and cares for us
 - 2. Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (v. 6:33)

VIII. The Attitude of the Sons of the Kingdom toward Others

(Matt. 7:1-12; Luke 6:37-38)

- A. Without censorial judgment (1 Cor. 4:3-5)
- B. Allowing the Lord to examine our hearts first
(Ps. 139:23-24)
- C. Following the “golden rule” (Matt. 7:12)
- D. Having a discerning spirit (Matt. 7:6)

IX. The Narrow Way into the Kingdom (Matt. 7:13-14;

Luke 13:24)

- A. The way of righteousness and the path of justice
(Prov. 8:20)
- B. The highway of holiness (Is. 35:8)
- C. The way of the cross (Matt. 16:24-25; Gal. 5:24-26)
- D. The way of affliction and suffering (Acts 14:22;
Heb. 12:2-11)
- E. Following the Lamb (Rev. 14:4; Heb. 2:10; 7:25)
- F. Asking, seeking, and knocking (Matt. 7:7-11)

X. Final warnings (Matt. 7:15-29)

