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BIBLE STUDY

Sermon On The Mount

Series:

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Sermon Summary:

This sermon emphasizes the importance of obedience to divine instructions as a means to prepare for impending spiritual challenges. It highlights the need to incorporate daily practices of faith, such as prayer, fasting, giving, and studying the Word of God. By doing so, believers are better equipped to discern spiritual threats and navigate life's storms with divine wisdom. The sermon stresses personal responsibility in securing one's spiritual calling and advocates for a proactive approach to faith in anticipation of increased spiritual opposition. It draws from personal anecdotes and biblical teachings to underscore the necessity of aligning one's actions with the will of God to experience protection and blessings.

Key Points:



- Times are increasingly challenging in both the natural and spiritual realms, **necessitating spiritual preparation**.
- **Obedience to God's instructions** is crucial for overcoming spiritual attacks.
- God values the effort of those striving to be **willing and obedient**; such individuals are often targeted by darkness.
- It's vital to maintain spiritual practices, such as the four pillars: prayer, fasting, giving, and studying, and to add the **Sermon on the Mount as a daily focus**.
- **Faith should be supplemented progressively** with virtue, knowledge, temperance, endurance, godliness, brotherly love, and love.
- **Spiritual discernment is crucial to understanding** intentions and preventing spiritual threats.

Scripture Reference:



- **2 Peter 1:4-12:** Discusses the importance of adding to one's faith through various virtues to ensure spiritual fruitfulness and readiness.
- **Matthew 5-7:** The Sermon on the Mount, which provides practical guidance for living a righteous life and preparing for spiritual challenges.

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Key Takeaways:

1. Being willing and obedient to God is crucial, especially as times get harder both naturally and spiritually.
2. We must be prepared for increased spiritual attacks, particularly if we're trying to be obedient to God.
3. It's important to be in the right place, at the right time, with the right people.
4. We need to take responsibility for our spiritual growth and not blame God or others for our challenges.
5. Regularly studying the Word of God, particularly the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), is essential for spiritual discernment and growth.

Discussion Questions:

1. The speaker emphasizes the importance of being "willing and obedient." What does this mean to you, and how can we cultivate these qualities in our lives?
 - a. Reflect on the notion that we are in a continuous spiritual battle. How have you experienced this battle in your own life?
 - b. The sermon mentioned that "sin is not something you do, but who you are or are not." What impact does this understanding have on your perspective of sin and righteousness?
2. How have you experienced spiritual attacks in your life? How did you handle them, and what did you learn from those experiences?
3. The sermon mentions the concept of being "in the right place, at the right time, with the right people." How can we discern God's guidance in these areas of our lives?
4. The speaker talks about taking responsibility for our spiritual growth. In what areas of your life do you need to take more responsibility rather than blaming others or circumstances?
5. What stood out to you most from the discussion of the Sermon on the Mount? How can we apply these teachings in our daily lives?
6. The sermon emphasizes the importance of focusing on God's Word rather than worldly distractions. What are some practical ways we can shift our focus more towards Scripture in our daily routines?
7. How can we cultivate a prayer life that aligns with the principles discussed in the sermon (praying in secret, avoiding vain repetitions, etc.)?

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Practical Applications:

1. Commit to reading through Matthew 5-7 (the Sermon on the Mount) at least twice a week, or daily if possible.
2. Identify one area in your life where you need to take more responsibility for your spiritual growth. Create a specific action plan to address this area.
3. Practice "secret" giving, fasting, or prayer this week, focusing on doing these things for God alone rather than for recognition from others.
4. Evaluate your media consumption (music, social media, etc.) and consider how it aligns with the principles discussed in the sermon. Make adjustments as necessary.
5. Start a prayer journal to record your prayers and God's responses, focusing on cultivating a deeper, more authentic prayer life.
6. Look for opportunities to practice forgiveness and loving your enemies this week, as emphasized in the Sermon on the Mount.
7. Share with the group next week how applying these principles has impacted your spiritual life and your ability to discern God's voice in challenging situations.

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1 How does the concept of being 'willing and obedient' influence one's spiritual journey, especially in times of adversity?

2 In what ways can spiritual attacks serve as indicators of being on the right path according to this message?

3 How can we balance the idea of being 'sold out to God' with the reality of living in a world that often opposes spiritual values?

4 What role does love play in spiritual warfare, and how can 'loving our enemies' be practically applied in our daily lives?

5 How do the narratives of figures like Elijah help us understand the duality of divine provision and human suffering?

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6 What does it mean to be spiritually 'in tune,' and how can this state be cultivated amidst life's distractions?

7 How do we reconcile the notion of a loving God with the occurrence of tragic events involving faithful individuals?

8 What lessons can be drawn from Paul's teaching on adding layers of spiritual virtues (like faith, virtue, knowledge) to one's life?

9 How does the teaching on the Sermon on the Mount provide practical guidance for handling modern-day challenges?

10 What does it mean to truly rely on divine wisdom over human understanding, and how can we train ourselves to discern this in critical moments?

Day 1: The Power of God's Word

Reading: Matthew 5:1-16

Devotional: As we begin this journey, let's reflect on the transformative power of God's Word. Just as the sermon emphasizes the importance of immersing ourselves in Scripture, today's reading reminds us of the blessings that come from aligning our lives with God's teachings. The Beatitudes offer a roadmap for spiritual growth and Kingdom living. Consider how you can be "salt and light" in your daily interactions. How can you let God's Word shine through your actions and attitudes? Remember, it's not about perfection, but about progress and allowing God's truth to gradually transform your heart and mind.

Day 2: Seeking God in Secret

Reading: Matthew 6:1-18

Devotional: Today's passage challenges us to examine our motives in spiritual practices. Are we seeking God's approval or man's applause? The sermon emphasized the importance of private devotion and sincerity in prayer, fasting, and giving. As you read, reflect on your own spiritual habits. Are there areas where you might be tempted to "perform" for others rather than genuinely connecting with God? Consider how you can cultivate a deeper, more authentic relationship with God in the secret places of your heart. Remember, it's not about the quantity of your prayers or the impressiveness of your spiritual disciplines, but about the quality of your connection with the Father.

Day 3: Trusting God's Provision

Reading: Matthew 6:19-34

Devotional: In a world filled with anxiety and uncertainty, today's reading offers a powerful reminder of God's care and provision. The sermon touched on the importance of trusting God completely, even in difficult circumstances. As you meditate on these verses, consider areas of your life where worry or fear may be overshadowing your faith. How can you shift your focus from earthly concerns to heavenly priorities? Challenge yourself to take concrete steps to "seek first the kingdom of God" today, trusting that as you do so, God will faithfully meet your needs.

Day 4: Discernment and Spiritual Growth

Reading: Matthew 7:1-14

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Day 5: Building on the Rock

Reading: Matthew 7:15-29

Devotional: In this commissioning, Jesus tells His disciples that they will "take up serpents" and not be harmed. This symbolically represents their role in overcoming evil and redeeming the world. Reflect on what it means for you to take up serpents—not by handling literal snakes but by confronting evil with God's power. Identify any 'serpents' in your spiritual journey—doubts, fears, habits—and bring them to God in prayer, asking for His redemption and strength. Walk in the authority given to you as a believer, knowing that God is with you in every battle.