



“If you continue in My word, then are you My Disciples **InDeed...**”

Loving God & Loving People Are Inseparable

Matthew 5:23-24 “Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.”

In our last lesson we discovered how serious anger and hatred are: God says that they are murderous attitudes that will put us in danger of Hell fire! This week’s lesson is a continuation of that theme that begins with a “therefore”. Jesus says that because these attitudes are so dangerous, we need to stop in the middle of our worship if need be to see that things are right between us and others and only then should we return to make our offering to the Lord.

Who was the party in danger in this scenario: the worshiper or the one who had an offense against him? _____

What does this command of Christ teach us about how God sees worship? _____

What does it teach us about how God sees our relationships with those around us? _____

I John 4:20-21 says, “If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.”

When we “bring our gift” of worship to God, we are saying to Him that we love Him.

When does God see that as a lie according to these verses? _____

I Tim 2:8 says, “I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.” How does this verse apply to our lesson today? _____

What are the things that would keep us from obeying this command of Jesus? _____

Are You a “Disciple InDeed”?

1. Have you ever done what Jesus said to do in these verses? Have you ever stopped in the middle of bringing an offering to God in worship or service and remembered someone had something against you and immediately went to them to try and be reconciled?
2. Do you separate loving God and loving people or do you see them as one in the same?
3. Are you humble enough to admit your faults to those you’ve offended or are you too proud to do that?



Doers of the Word

What did God speak to me today?



Further Study: I John 2:9-11, I John 3:18, I Sam 15:22

“...And you shall know The Truth, and The Truth shall **make you Free!**”

