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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

PART I (Chapters 1-14)

AUTHORSHIP:

The early church fathers attributed the authorship of the first of the four gospels to Matthew, one of the twelve apostles. (Mk. 3:18; Acts 1:2,3) Matthew, chapter nine, verses nine through thirteen, gives a description of this former tax collector's call to discipleship. As with others of the "Twelve" it appears that he left his position and livelihood immediately and began to follow Jesus. There is no mention in scripture that he ever attempted to return to his previous occupation as did Peter. (John 21:3)

The name Matthew in Hebrew means gift of Jehovah. He is also mentioned in the New Testament by his other Hebrew name, Levi. (Mk. 2:14; Lk. 5:27,29)

THE GOSPEL:

It has been said that the gospel according to Matthew bridges the Old and New Testament. Matthew's declaration that the Old Testament scriptures were fulfilled by Jesus no doubt was intended to influence and convince the Jews that Jesus, in fulfilling the Old Testament prophecies, was indeed their Messiah.

1. Matthew's knowledge of the scriptures is evidenced by the many times he quotes the Old Testament. From the following Old Testament references, choose the one that most clearly prophesies the coming Messiah: Mt. 1:23 (Isa. 7:14), Mt. 2:6 (Mic. 5:2), Mt. 2:15 (Hos. 11:1), Mt. 2:18 (Jer. 31:15), Mt. 3:3 (Isa. 40:3), Mt. 4:15 (Isa. 9:1,2), Mt. 12:18-21 (Isa. 42:1-4), Mt. 13:35 (Psm. 78:2), Mt. 21:5 (Isa. 62:11; Zec. 9:9), Mt. 26:56 (Psm. 31:11; Zec. 13:7) _____

Further evidence of Matthew's appeal to the Jews is found in his gospel by the many references to the Messianic Kingdom as he uses the term "Kingdom of Heaven" which occurs thirty three times in the text. Introduced by John the Baptist (3:1,2), and later declared by Jesus in His preaching and teaching (4:17), the existence of a spiritual kingdom was new to many if not most of the Jewish hearers. The concept of entering into a physical kingdom by their ancestry through the blood line of Abraham was no doubt easier to comprehend than entrance into a spiritual kingdom through faith alone. Matthew's gospel is filled with parables and illustrations of the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God, or as the Amplified New Testament puts it: "His (God's) way of doing" (Mt. 6:33). The reader will discover that the "spiritual" kingdom was constantly breaking through into the natural world, evidenced by the countless miracles and healings by Jesus.

Matthew opens his account of the gospel in Matt. 1:1 by using the title, the "Book of the Generation (ancestry, genealogy) of Jesus Christ". However, this title only refers to the first 17 verses and not the entire gospel. Matthew in his writing emphasizes the call to repentance, as well as the obedience of faith once repentance has taken place.

It is interesting to note that 10 of the parables mentioned in Matthew are not found in the other gospels. These parables are as follows: 1. tares, 2. hidden treasure, 3. dragnet, 4. pearl of great price, 5. the unmerciful servant, 6. laborers in the vineyard, 7. two sons, 8. the marriage of the king's son, 9. the 10 virgins, 10. the talents.

OUTLINE:

A simple division of the gospel according to Matthew is as follows:

- I. Genealogy, Background and Preparation Matt. 1:1-4:11
- II. Jesus' Galilean Ministry Matt. 4:12-18:35
- III. Ministry in Judea and the Final Days Matt. 19:1-28:20

CHAPTER 1 - READ THE ENTIRE CHAPTER FIRST

The genealogy of Jesus Christ is recorded in chapter 1. There are several names that many might classify as undesirables, but God in His great mercy uses all who put their trust in Him and walk with Him by faith.

2. Read Gen. 38:1-26 and then answer the following question. Who was the father of Tamar's (Thamar) child? Judah
3. God had instructed His people not to intermarry with the women of neighboring nations (Deut. 7:1-3). What was the national origin of Ruth, the great grandmother of King David? Ruth 1:4
They married Moabite women.. Ruth was from Moab
4. Bathsheba, David's wife and the mother of Solomon, is not mentioned by name in the genealogy list. How is she mentioned? Mt. 1:6 of her that had been the wife of Urias;
5. What terrible thing did King Uzziah do? II Chron. 26:18 for you have been unfaithful
He burned the incense that only priests were supposed to.
6. What was the condition of King Uzziah from that day to the day of his death? II Chron. 26:21
King Uzziah had leprosy until the day he died
7. What kind of king was Manasseh? II Chron. 33:9
Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen
8. What did King Manasseh do after he had been taken captive? II Chron. 33:12
he besought the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, And prayed unto him

Although most in the list would be considered righteous, others would not. This causes us to remember the word of God that declares: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). "It is by grace we are saved" (Eph. 2:8). Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him as righteousness (Gen. 15:6).

THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF JESUS

After Matthew has traced the blood line from Abraham to Joseph, he makes it clear just how Jesus was conceived.

9. How did the conception of Jesus take place? 1:18 (Also see Lk. 1:34,35.)
she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

In the Jewish culture marriages were arranged by the parents of the couple. After the marriage arrangement, they were then pledged or espoused to each other. Even though the marriage ceremony or physical intimacy had not taken place, they were considered married to each other. This was Mary's situation when she became pregnant.

10. When Joseph her fiance found out, what did he plan to do? 1:19
being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily
11. What did he finally do, and why? vv. 20-24 the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son

CHAPTER 2 - READ THE ENTIRE CHAPTER FIRST

1. Who came looking for Jesus, and where did they look? v. 1 _____
there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem
2. What question did they ask the king? v. 2 _____ Where is he that is born King of the Jews?
3. How did King Herod find the answer to their question? v. 4 _____ And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.
4. Where did they say He was to be born, and how did they know this? vv. 5,6, Micah 5:2 _____
In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, Micah...out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.
5. In what way did King Herod try to deceive the wise men? v. 8 _____ Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.... He actually wanted to Kill Jesus

We have no way of knowing exactly how old Jesus was when the wise men arrived. However, in light of Herod's command (Mt. 2:16), He may have been close to two years old.

6. Why did the wise men not return to King Herod as they were instructed to do? v. 12 _____
being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way
7. Joseph, Mary's husband, also received instructions concerning Jesus. What were the instructions, and how did they come to him? v. 13 _____ the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt,

It is interesting to note that God had used the wise men and their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to provide for the physical needs of Jesus' family for their trip even before they needed it.

8. How did Joseph know when to return? v. 19 _____ an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,
9. What circumstances had changed to make it safe for Jesus' family to return to Israel? v. 20 _____
20 Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel for they are dead which sought the young child's life
10. To what city did Joseph take his family, and for what reason? vv. 21-23 _____
into the parts of Galilee: And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

CHAPTER 3 - READ THE ENTIRE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What family relationship did Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, have with Mary, the mother of Jesus? Luke 1:30-38 _____ Behold, thy cousin Elisabeth
2. What was the essence of the message that John the Baptist preached? 3:2 _____
Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
3. What was the message that Jesus proclaimed when He began preaching? Mt. 4:17 _____
Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

The word repent to the New Testament hearer was not associated with as much religious tradition as it is today. To them, as it should be with contemporary hearers of the gospel, it was a change of

mental attitude, which in turn brought about a change of behavior. Those who repented, "turned from" their downward direction, away from God, and into spiritual death and sin; they changed their attitudes (their way of thinking) and "turned" their lives upward towards God and life!

4. What was the reason that John the Baptist and Jesus gave when calling the people to repent? Mt. 3:2; 4:17 for the kingdom of heaven is at hand
5. What had to be present in the lives of the people before they were baptized by John the Baptist? 3:6,8 confessing their sins. Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance. A heart of repentance.
6. Where was John the Baptist baptizing the people? v. 6 in Jordan... As in the river Jordan
7. What type of baptism was the baptism of John the Baptist? v. 11 baptize you with water unto repentance,, Turn from sin to a life and heart after God.
8. What type of baptism did John say that Jesus (the One coming after him) would perform? v. 11 he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:
9. After Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, the heavens opened; then what happened? Father God spoke from Heaven, Proclaiming Jesus as His Only Begotten Son. The Holy Spirit Fell on Jesus as a Dove, Jesus Received His Ministry and Calling, And then was lead to the wilderness to be Tested... Another translation might say, Jesus was lead to be perfected... still another might say, Jesus was then was qualified, or tempered through his victory in overcoming all trials and temptations, "as he was tempted in all things as we are but sinned not".

CHAPTER 4 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. Who led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil? v. 1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness
2. What was Jesus' condition after fasting 40 days and 40 nights? he was afterward an hungred.
3. Our tempter, Satan, does not come to us when we are strong, but when we are the weakest. Read I Corinthians 10:13 and then list in your own words, the promises that God gives His children in this verse. Any temptation that comes on me came on others also, just as they overcame it I can also, however, because of the faithfulness of God, even if I don't think I can overcome He will provide a way of escape so that I can still be an overcomer. Even then, if I still fall into the temptation, if I confess my sin He is faithful to forgive my sin and cleans me of all unrighteousness.
4. Briefly describe the three temptations presented to Jesus by the devil.
 - v. 3 If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. in other words, take up your authority as Lord of all and just change the game, however, Jesus overcame as the son of man, as we can.
 - vv. 5,6 setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee. "prove God is True... But it is not for us to do that, God proves himself, we are to just trust."
 - vv. 8,9 All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. The devil tried to take credit for what the Father had already ordained.. Jesus Lord of All, Jesus already owned it all... But the devil thought to steal it through deception, how many of our blessings does he steal the same way?
5. What are the three areas of weakness that are present in all people? I John 2:16
 - a. the lust of the flesh
 - b. and the lust of the eyes
 - c. and the pride of life

6. What three identical responses did Jesus give Satan each time He was tempted? vv. 4,7,10 _____
It is written..... God has already told me...

Jesus did not use His own thoughts or ideas to stand against Satan; instead He referred to the scriptures.

7. Believers in Christ should not battle Satan with the mind but with the Word of God. What does James 4:7 say that we should do when we are tempted by the devil? Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Read Matthew 4:18-21 then complete the next two questions.

8. List the names and occupation of the disciples mentioned in these verses. Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother.. they were all fishermen, but became fishers of people

9. When Jesus called these four men to follow Him, how long did they wait before following Jesus and what did they leave behind? d they immediately left the ship, nets and their father, and followed him

10. List the names of the 12 disciples. Mt. 10:2-4 Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him

11. Jesus went throughout Galilee teaching and preaching. What else did He do for the people? vv. 23-25 they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT - CHAPTERS 5, 6 AND 7

1. Read these three chapters in one sitting, in more than one version of the Bible, then place an X in the box only after you have completed reading them. [x]

2. Before Jesus began His "Sermon on the Mount", who was it that came to Him? 5:1 _____
His disciples came to him

3. The verses which begin with the word "blessed" (happy and content) are called the "Beatitudes." List briefly the nine beatitudes.

a. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

b. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

c. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

d. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

e. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

f. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

g. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

h. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

i. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven.

Jesus seems to indicate that they are blessed because they will each receive their reward.

4. What does Jesus call His followers in 5:13,14? You are the salt of the earth, You are the light of the world

5. When one wants to offer a gift to God and remembers that a brother has something against him, what must he do first before offering the gift? 5:24 4 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift
6. Who does Jesus say commits adultery? 5:28,32 anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery. anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery
7. In 5:39 Jesus indicates that we are not to resist a person who wants to do us evil. He gives three illustrations describing the truth. What are they? 5:39-41
 - a. If he strikes you, turn to them the other cheek also
 - b. If he takes away your coat (tunic), let him have thy cloak also. or shirt too
 - c. If you are compelled to go one mile, go with him twain-- or two
8. As Christians, followers of Jesus, how are we to treat our enemies and those who persecute us? 5:44 Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you
9. If one gives alms (does good deeds) publicly just to be seen by others, what happens to his reward? 6:1 They have their reward. otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven
10. What does Jesus call those who like to pray publicly in a public place just to be seen by others? 6:5 the hypocrites
11. In what manner should the Christian pray, and if he prays correctly, what will be the result? 6:6 enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.
12. In your own words, explain what is meant by praying with vain repetitions. repeating something over and over in prayer hoping to receive.. Vain implies a selfish prayer.
13. Why is it not necessary to pray with a lot of words like the heathen and pagans? 6:8 for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him
14. Why is it essential for us to forgive others when they sin against us? 6:14,15 if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. But you forgive you shall be forgiven

Jesus gives instructions concerning fasting in Matthew 6:16-18. Notice that He does not say if you fast but when you fast. Jesus expected His followers to fast and for this reason gave instructions about it. The following are just a few references from the Bible about the subject of fasting: II Sam. 12:15-22; II Chron. 20:3; Ezra 8:21; Esther 4:16; Isa. 58:3-6; Joel 1:14,15; Jonah 3:5; Mark 2:18-20; Matt. 17:19-21; II Cor. 11:27.

15. After you have looked up and read each of the above references concerning fasting, choose the verse that has special meaning to you and write it here. I like that David fasted, but when he did not receive his child life, the first thing he did was wash and anoint himself and then go worship God.
I also like in Jonah where faster was tied to repentance. Fasting combined with prayer gives the power to cast out and heal!
Lastly, notice Paul continued this in his ministry, fasting and prayer remain constant going from old to new and the church age.
this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting..... in hunger and thirst, in fastings often
David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth

16. In Matt. 6:19-21 Jesus teaches about the correct values and goals that we, as His followers, must have. This is important because Jesus tells us that the things we treasure have great influence upon us. If our treasure is in heaven, where will our heart be? In heaven
17. What will happen to the individual who tries to serve two masters (God and money)? 6:24 He will love the one and Hate the other.

In Matt. 6:25-34 Jesus describes the correct attitude that His followers should maintain concerning their relationship with the world in which we live.

18. The Lord knows that we need material things to live in this world, but what must we seek first? 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you
19. What same phrase does Jesus use in verses 25, 31 and 34 to relate what our attitude should be concerning this temporal life? Therefore take no thought
20. Why must we not judge others? 7:1,2 with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged

We must always remember that the heavenly Father loves His children and will provide for us if we lay our petitions before Him.

21. What three ways should we present our petitions? 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you
22. What three things will happen if we present our petitions in these ways? 7:8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Read Matthew 7:13 and 14 and then answer the next two questions.

23. Where does the strait or narrow gate lead, and how many find it? It leads to Life, and Few Find it.
24. Where does the wide gate lead and how many enter and go through it? To destruction and many go that way.
25. How can God's people tell if prophets are true or are inwardly like wolves? 7:16 Ye shall know them by their fruits
26. Jesus states that just because we say Lord, Lord, does not mean that we shall into enter the kingdom of heaven. Who will enter? 7:21 but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

In 7:24-27 Jesus speaks of two men who built houses, and one was wise and one was foolish. Both of them heard the words of Jesus but responded differently.

27. What did the wise man do with the words of Jesus, and where did he build his house? heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock
28. What did the foolish man do with the words of Jesus, and where did he build his house? heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

29. What was the final condition of each of the houses after the storm came? _____
The house on the rock stood firm in the storm, while the house on the sand fell, and was destroyed, "greatly destroyed".

CHAPTER 8 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. In chapter 8, four individual healings took place in the ministry of Jesus. List them in the order that they appear in the chapter. a. _____ The Leper cleansed in verse 3
b. _____ Centurion Servant in verse 13 c. _____ Peters Mother in law in verse 15
d. _____ In verse 32 Jesus delivered two who had devils with one word. "Go".
2. What caused Jesus to marvel? vv. 5-13 _____ The centurion amazed Jesus. This is a man who is not a Jew or believing in Judaism but looking at the order of authority believed Jesus to be a supreme commander. Being a commander himself knew that if his orders were not carried there were consequences, as a result, he knew when his order was giving they would be carried out. In like manner this centurion trusted that when the prince of life gave an order death and sickness would obey or suffer the consequences. There was no need for Jesus to go to the person all he had to do was give the order.
How truly easy it is for Christ to come to our rescue -- The universe is still obeying his order for light!
3. Many that were possessed with demon spirits were brought to Jesus. (8:16) What did Jesus use to cast out the evil spirits? _____ with his word
4. What did Jesus do with all the sick who were brought to Him? _____ and healed all that were sick
5. In verse 17 Matthew refers to the prophet Isaiah to explain that Jesus, by healing the sick, was fulfilling prophecy. Who was it that took up our infirmities, and bore or carried our sicknesses and diseases? _____ Jesus, the unblemished lamb of God
6. Read Isaiah 53:4,5 and then write out these verses in your own words. _____
Surely he has suffered as we do, while also carrying us through our sorrows. We counted Him as less than, someone worthy to receive all the bad he got. But he took our bad upon himself, he bore the result of my sin. He took my beating, fulfilled my sentence for death that I was rightly charged with. He died in my place, to let me live in His place. He counted my healing worth his suffering and dying. Then to seal it forever conquered it all and rose again.
7. When a scribe or teacher came to Jesus, stating that he would follow Jesus, what did Jesus tell him? vv. 19,20 _____ The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.
8. When another disciple asked Jesus permission to wait until his aging parent was dead and buried before following Jesus, what did Jesus say to him? vv. 21,22 _____
Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.
9. What was Jesus doing during the storm to indicate that He was at peace? v. 24 _____ he was asleep.
10. Years later, on the night before his execution, what was Peter doing to indicate that he was at peace? Acts 12:6 _____ the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers
11. When the disciples were fearful because of the storm, to whom did they go? v. 25 _____ Jesus

12. **What did Jesus say to the disciples after He was awakened? v. 26** _____
 Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith
13. **What did Jesus do about the storm?** Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.
14. **Why were the disciples so amazed? v. 27** _____
 What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

The disciples had seen Jesus heal the sick just by speaking a word; they had seen Him cast out demons with His word, and in the midst of a storm they had witnessed the winds and the waves also obeying His word! What a mighty God is the Lord Jesus! No wonder they were amazed. It appears that they did not completely realize who was in the boat with them when the storm arose.

15. **All believers need to remember who is with them even in the midst of the storms of life. What promise is given to us by the Lord Jesus? Heb. 13:5?** _____
 for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.
16. **What was the attitude of the Gergesenes (Gadarenes) after Jesus had cast the demons out of the men and allowed the evil spirits to go into the herd of pigs? v. 34** _____
 and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts.

CHAPTER 9 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. **What did Jesus tell the man with palsy (the paralytic)? v. 2** _____
 Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.
2. **How did the scribes (teachers of the law) respond to the statement by Jesus? vv.2,3** _____
 the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth.
3. **What did Jesus do to prove that He had authority to forgive sins? v. 6** that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.
4. **What did Jesus say to Matthew, a tax collector (publican) when he saw him at the receipt of custom (tax collector's booth)? v. 9** he saith unto him, Follow me.
5. **How did Matthew respond to Jesus' words?** And he arose, and followed him.
6. **What did Jesus say to those who criticized Him for eating with publicans and sinners? vv. 12,13**
 , They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.
 13 But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous,
 but sinners to repentance.
7. **What two things did Jesus describe to illustrate the spiritual truth that the new spiritual kingdom would not fit into their old religious traditions? vv. 16,17** No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment,
 Neither do men put new wine into old bottles:
8. **Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue (Mk. 5:22), sought out Jesus to raise his daughter from the dead. What did he say that would indicate that he had faith in Jesus the Messiah? v. 18** _____
 and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

9. What did the woman who had an issue of blood do when she got close to Jesus? v. 20 _____
touched the hem of his garment:
10. What had she said within herself that expressed her faith in Jesus? v. 21 _____
21 For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.
11. What did Jesus say it was that had healed her? v. 22 thy faith hath made thee whole.
12. When Jesus arrived at Jairus' house, what did He say was the condition of the young girl? v. 24
for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth.
13. In what way did the people express their unbelief? v. 24 And they laughed him to scorn.
14. What did Jesus do before He raised the girl from the dead? v. 25 he kicked the doubters out!
when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.

Even though we go to Jesus to meet our needs, we must have a trusting, living faith in our God as did the individuals mentioned in chapter nine who received their healing.

15. Why did Jesus not do mighty works (miracles) in Nazareth? Mt. 13:58 _____
because of their unbelief.
16. What is necessary for our faith to continue and grow? Rom. 10:17 _____
faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
17. What did Jesus ask the two blind men who came to Him for healing? v. 28 _____
Believe ye that I am able to do this?

In each of the healings mentioned in this chapter, faith and trust in the person of Jesus is paramount. It is not by trusting in a religious system of works and human effort, but by trusting in Jesus who is filled with love and mercy for people.

18. As Jesus went about all the towns and villages, what three things was He doing? v. 35
a. teaching in their synagogues,
b. preaching the gospel of the kingdom,
c. and healing every sickness and every disease among the people
19. What was Jesus' response when He saw the multitudes? v. 36 he was moved with compassion on them,
because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.
20. What did Jesus say was the condition of the fields of harvest in John 4:35? _____
look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.
21. What was Jesus' instruction to His followers when He saw the tremendous need of ministering to so many people? vv. 37,38 The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

CHAPTER 10 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. After Jesus had seen the need for workers going into the harvest, what did He do with His disciples? v. 1 _____
he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

2. **What were the 12 disciples to do as they were sent forth by Jesus? vv. 7,8** _____
 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.
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3. **To what did Jesus compare the judgment that would befall a city that refused to receive the ministry of the 12 disciples? vv. 12-15** _____
 but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. 15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.
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4. **What did Jesus tell His disciples that would indicate that there would be hardships for them as they went forth into the harvest? vv. 16,17** _____
 I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves
 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; 18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.
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5. **What did Jesus tell them about speaking up to defend themselves; who would be helping them? vv. 18-20 Write your answer in your own words.** _____
 The Spirit of Our Father in Heaven will speak for us. As He did for them.
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6. **Jesus indicated that His followers should beware (watch out) for men, but He did not say that man should be feared. Who does the Bible say we should fear (be afraid of)? v. 28** _____
 fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. --God
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7. **After this very sharp warning given in verse 28, what words of comfort (verses 29-31) does Jesus give in verse 31?** _____
 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. -- We are worth a lot to Father.
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8. **What does Jesus say He will do concerning those who confess or acknowledge Him and deny or disown Him before men? vv. 32,33** _____
 herefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. 33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.
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- In verses 34-37 Jesus emphasizes that a man's own family may oppose his becoming a follower of Jesus. Our loyalty must first be to Jesus Christ in order for us to be worthy of Him.
9. **What must all followers of Jesus do to be considered worthy of Him? v. 38** _____
 he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. We must take up our Cross daily.
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10. **Why is it important for us not to seek to hold on to temporal things, even to life itself? v. 39** _____
 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.
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11. **Who is received by those receiving Jesus' disciples? v. 40** _____
 He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.
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12. **What must we do to receive a prophet's reward? v. 41** _____
 receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet
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13. **In verse 42, who will receive a reward?** whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. Care about people, give them God!

CHAPTER 11 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. **What question did John the Baptist's disciples ask Jesus? v. 3** _____
Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?
2. **What things did Jesus say that the disciples of John the Baptist should show (report) to John as proof of who Jesus was? v. 5**
 - a. The blind receive their sight,
 - b. and the lame walk,
 - c. the lepers are cleansed,
 - d. and the deaf hear,
 - e. the dead are raised up,
 - f. and the poor have the gospel preached to them.
3. **What does Jesus say about John the Baptist concerning his position in the kingdom of heaven? v. 11** mong them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

The prophet Malachi prophesied (Mal. 4:5) that God would send to Israel the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the Lord. Israel was looking for Elijah to come before the Messiah.

4. **In referring to John the Baptist, who did Jesus say he was? v. 14** if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.
5. **Why did Jesus denounce (upbraid) the cities where He had performed most of His mighty works? v. 20** because they repented not: upbraid: give someone a piece of one's mind, give someone a tongue-lashing,
6. **Who did Jesus say should come to Him? v. 28** all ye that labour and are heavy laden,
7. **If people will come to Jesus, what will He do for them? v. 28** He will give them rest.
8. **What must we do to find rest for our souls? v. 29** Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me.....
Pull the cart with Jesus, Learn of Who He is and What He is about, and then Join Him!
9. **Read verse 30 and write out a description of the yoke and burden we receive from Jesus.** _____
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. This is a nice buffer to, "die to yourself", and "you shall suffer". It reminds us that With him this is an easier path than dying in one's sins, and having death and destruction from sin. Eternal Life creates hope.

CHAPTER 12 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Most of the Jewish leaders, the Pharisees, were always criticizing Jesus for going against their laws of the Sabbath and the temple.

1. **Who was Jesus referring to when He said: "That in this place is one greater than the temple"?** vv. 6,8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day. He is speaking of Himself. Also of Father God In Him.
2. **Often Jesus healed people on the Jewish sabbath to illustrate to the people the true spirit of the law rather than the letter of the law, especially the law and traditions of men.**
 2. **What does the Bible say we should do concerning the traditions of men? Col. 2:8** _____
Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit. Follow Jesus, not Traditions
 3. **What did Jesus say that always keeping the tradition of men caused people to do? Mt. 15:3** _____
Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? Traditions cause us to transgress.

4. The long suffering and mercy of God toward His people while there is still a little life and hope in them is illustrated in Matt. 12:20. What will the Lord not do to a bruised reed and smoking flax (wick)? A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.
Jesus is looking for even the slightest evidence of fire in someone, or for the battered but still standing Christian.
5. What power did the Pharisees say that Jesus used to cast out demons? v. 24 by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.
6. What did Jesus say was evidence that the kingdom of God had arrived? v. 28 if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.
7. What did Jesus say about the one who is not with Him, and did not gather with Him? v. 30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.
8. Jesus explained how we can know a tree (and also people). How can we know what they are like? v. 33 for the tree is known by his fruit. good tree, good fruit. bad tree bad fruit.
9. What did Jesus call the Pharisees in verse 34? O generation of vipers,
10. What will either justify or condemn people? v. 37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be
11. What did Jesus say would be the only sign the evil (wicked) generation would receive? v. 39 there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:
12. What is the explanation of this sign? v. 40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. Note.. Although in Jonah the word says "Great Fish" here Jesus interprets the word as "Whale" in most translations.
13. Who was Jesus referring to when He said: "A greater than Solomon is here"? v. 42 a greater than Solomon is here... Himself. Jesus is the Wisest man to ever live!
14. In verse 48 Jesus asked the question "Who is my mother, and who are my brethren?". Who did He say they were in verse 50? For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother. Most sacrifice things of God for their family, children, etc. I notice Jesus did not.

CHAPTER 13 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

This chapter begins with the parable of the sower. Some have said it should be called the parable of the soils because it deals with four different kinds of soil that were sown with the seed.

1. What are the four different kinds of soil mentioned in this parable? vv. 3-8
- some seeds fell by the way side
 - Some fell upon stony places
 - some fell among thorns
 - But other fell into good ground

Later in the chapter (vv. 18-23) Jesus gives an explanation of the meaning of the parable of the soils.

2. List again the four types of soil and then give a broader explanation in your own words of the soil and how it received the seed. vv. 18-23
- some seeds fell by the way side, This is sort of an involuntary dispersal, and the ground varies greatly. One might consider a highway roadside. Some times grass, sometimes rock, and sometimes pavement. Birds eat often, but most gets poluted and dies off. Of those seeds that take sprout they are cut down and used as fodder for livestock.
 - Some fell upon stony places. The problem with stony places is that stone does not retain water. Without the spirit of God and the nourishing of His word we die. The honeymoon goes so far, but we fall in love with Jesus in the trench. Jesus walks with us through the fire, however, to withstand fire we need to be rooted, this requires that we long to attain Gods things.
 - And some fell among thorns. In succession each is a little bigger of a problem, but all end the same way. The thorns are the cares of this world, and everyone has them! There is always going to be a few weeds in ones life. Weeds sprout fast, and grow tall. They don't need to be feed to grow, but when they are feed they take over. One must root them out when young, for a quick end.
 - But other fell into good ground. I notice first that this represents only 25% of our ministry efforts. However, the Lord soon makes up for it by yielding harvests in multiples. Good ground is found by the Lord in patches. The Lord finds something in us that He can work with and then cultivates it. The Holy Spirit and Worship work to prepare the Ground for Him.

In the remaining verses of chapter 13, Jesus related seven other parables about the kingdom of heaven. List each of them with their verse (s) references.

- The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: Matt 13:24
 - The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Matt 13:31
 - The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven Matt 13:33
 - the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth Matt 13:44
 - the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Matt 13:45
 - the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: Matt 13:47
 - Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old. Matt 13:52
- Jesus then went into His own country and began teaching in the synagogue.
- How was Jesus received in His hometown? v. 57 _____
they were offended in him
 - What was Jesus' response to this reception? v. 57 _____
A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house
 - What was the result of Jesus' reception in His hometown? v. 58 _____
he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

CHAPTER 14 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Herod was fearful when he heard about the mighty works of Jesus.

- Who did Herod think that Jesus was? v. 2 _____
He said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead

The king (Herod) had previously put John the Baptist in prison (see Mt. 11:2-6) because he was under conviction on account of the preaching of John.

2. **What had John the Baptist said that Herod didn't like? vv. 3,4** _____
 John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her,,, Speaking of his brother Phillips wife Herodias.
3. **What did Herod want to do and why didn't he do it? v. 5** _____
 he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet
4. **Who else no doubt was under heavy conviction and was angry with John the Baptist, and what did this person do? vv. 6-8** _____
 being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger... Herodias was threatened by
 Johns preaching of the truth. What is amazing is this act ment the end of the Line of Herod. His son dies after gaining power
 then thats it.
5. **What was Herod's attitude after this request had been given him, and what did he do about it, and why? vv. 9-11** _____
 the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat,
 he commanded it to be given her. The truth had begun to bring some life in him, but he still chose the sexuality of the
 young girl over Johns life.. Amazing that he tried to justify it by saying he had to keep his word. Mercy should rule over justice.

Men are not convicted by the Spirit of God so that they will become angry with the Lord, but so that they will repent (turn from their sin) and turn to God for forgiveness and salvation. Sin is a terrible thing which keeps men in bondage. It appears that Herod was so bound by his pride that he wouldn't spare John's life because he was too concerned about what people might say and think of him even though he knew the right thing to do.

6. **When Jesus saw the multitude of people, what emotion motivated Him and what did He do about it? v. 14** _____
 moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick
7. **When the disciples wanted to send the people away so they could buy food, what did Jesus say to them? v. 16** _____
 They need not depart; give ye them to eat.
8. **Describe in your own words what Jesus did with the five loaves and two fish. vv. 17-21** _____
 He took the very little that the least person had to offer, He gave thanks to the Father for the offering, He instructed and
 guided his disciples on how to distribute that which the Father had blessed. The God multiplied the offering, and feed them all
9. **After everyone had eaten to their fill, how much was left over? v. 20** _____
 12 baskets full
- What a miracle! After feeding 5000 men plus the women and children, there were baskets full left over. All of this starting with only five loaves and two fish! There were those in the multitude who didn't know where the food came from. This lesson of God's provision was primarily for the benefit of the twelve disciples. Remembering this experience, how can we doubt that the Lord will always provide for us?
10. **What other example have we already seen in the study of Matthew (6:25-34) that supports this reality of divine provision? 6:33** _____
 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. For God it is very easy to provide.. We should not worry, but just be about His business.
11. **While the disciples were in a ship on the Sea of Galilee during a storm, who came to them and in what manner? vv. 22-25** _____
 the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

12. **What was Peter's response to this experience? vv. 28,29** _____
 Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

 29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

13. **After Peter and Jesus were back in the ship, what did Jesus say to him? v. 31** _____
 nd said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

14. **What is the key to having our prayers answered? Mt. 21:22** Faith, and believing _____
 whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

15. **After the wind had stopped and Jesus was in the ship with them, what did the disciples say about Jesus, and what did they do? v. 33** _____
 they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

16. **Who was brought to Jesus and why? v. 35** brought unto him all that were diseased;
 because they had the knowledge that He is the Son of God.. So they brought them to be healed.

17. **What happened to these people who came to Jesus? v. 36** _____
 as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

In his gospel, Matthew recorded the countless healings and miracles of Jesus. It is evident from this gospel that God is a merciful God, filled with love and compassion, meeting not only the spiritual needs of His people but also meeting physical needs as well. This is lucidly illustrated in chapter 14 as Jesus fed the 5000 and healed the multitudes of their sicknesses and diseases.

This concludes Part I of the study of the gospel according to Matthew. Part II is a continuation of this study and should be completed in sequence. You are encouraged to begin Part II as soon as possible in order to maintain the proper flow of study.

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