

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road with tire tracks leads from the bottom center towards the middle ground. The terrain is sandy and sparsely covered with small, dry bushes. In the background, a range of rugged, brown mountains stretches across the horizon under a pale, overcast sky. The overall mood is desolate and expansive.

The Gospel of Matthew

WHY DID THE KING COME BUT NOT THE KINGDOM?

Outline to the book of Matthew:

I. The King Has Come 1:1-13:53

1. *The Incarnation and the preparation of the King 1:1 – 4:11*
2. *The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29*
3. *The Manifestation of the King 8:1 – 11:1*
4. *The Opposition to the King 11:2 – 13:53*

II. The Kingdom Has Not 13:54-28:20

5. *The Reaction of the King, 13:54 – 19:2*
6. *The Formal Presentation and Rejection of the King, 19:3 – 25:46*
7. *The Crucifixion and the Resurrection of the King, 26:1 – 28:20*

***Subpoints follow Stanley Toussaint's seven main divisions outlined in his commentary.

I. THE KING HAS COME 1:1 – 13:53

The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29

(Matthew 6:1-4)

“The Heart of Giving”

Outline:

1. The heart of giving v. 1
2. The hypocrisy in giving v. 2
3. The hiddenness of giving v. 3
4. The hope of giving v. 4

1- The heart of giving v. 1

A. Observations:

- The warning of false giving v. 1a
 - “take heed” (lit. “be careful”)
 - “That you do not do your charitable deed before men,” (i.e. giving)
- The purpose of false giving v. 1b
 - “to be seen by them.” (lit. with the purpose to be seen)
- The outcome of false giving v. 1c
 - “otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven.”

1- The heart of giving v. 1

B. Summary/Application:

- The implication here is that the Father will reward.
- The warning is to prevent behavior not worthy of rewards.
- The warning is not to do your giving publicly. (What about Mt. 5:13-16; 42?)
- The warning is explicitly against giving with the purpose of being seen and praised.
- How does this correct false giving that we might fall into? (ex. Tax write-off, giving records etc.)

Outline:

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2. The hypocrisy in giving v. 2
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2- The hypocrisy of giving v. 2

A. Observations:

- The implication of giving v. 2a
 - “Therefore, when you give”
- The example of false giving v. 2b
 - “do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogue and in the streets,”
 - The internal trumpeting
 - The external trumpeting

2- The hypocrisy of giving v. 2

A. Observations:

- The goal of false giving v. 2c
 - “that they may have praise from men.”
 - These 1st century hypocrites gave in order to be acknowledged for their generosity.
 - What do 21st century hypocrites do?

2- The hypocrisy of giving v. 2

A. Observations:

- The reward of false giving v. 2d
 - “truly I say to you, they have their reward.”
 - The acknowledgement they receive is their only reward.
 - Is that ever going to be enough for the public eye?
 - Consider the class warfare being waged right now... If someone wealthy gives \$1M is it enough? What about \$1B? What about more?
 - What reward does that wealthy person receive?

2- The hypocrisy of giving v. 2

B. Summary/Application:

- Giving is not a spectator sport.
- Avoid the hypocritical motivation for giving.
- Contemporary example: (online “influencers” giving)

Outline:

1. The heart of giving v. 1
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3- The hiddenness of giving v. 3

A. Observations:

- The implication of giving (again) v. 3a
 - “But when you do a charitable deed”
- The principle v. 3b
 - “do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,”
 - This is figurative language.
 - The figure seems to communicate the intention of giving being hidden from public eye rather than impulsive giving.
 - The idea may suggest that we shouldn't make a big deal of our giving personally. Just give and move on. No self-congratulations!

3- The hiddenness of giving v. 3

B. Summary/Application:

- A giving spirit was to be in the people of God.
- Giving should be hidden from the praise of man and ourselves.
- This is the type of giving God desires in His people.
- In other words, our giving should have the right motivation.
- What obstacles stand in OUR way to the giving God desires in us?
 - 1) The concept of the Tithe
 - 2) The misunderstanding of grace giving
 - 3) The American lifestyle
 - 4) Tax deductible receipts
 - 5) Simple covetousness

(Fruchtenbaum)

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4- The hope of giving v. 4

A. Observations:

- The objective v. 4a
 - “that” (the sense of result)
 - “your charitable deed may be in secret”
- The reality v. 4b
 - “and your Father who sees in secret”
 - God sees all!
 - If only God sees our giving, only He can give the reward.
 - This should encourage you when your giving or any good deed for that matter seems to go unnoticed. That is the point!

4- The hope of giving v. 4

A. Observations:

- The reward v. 4c
 - “will” (Future, Active, Indicative) it will happen in the future.
 - “Himself” (which reward is better? God’s? or people?)
 - “will Himself reward you openly”
 - “openly” is a textual variant that the MT includes that the CT does not.
 - The idea remains that God’s reward will be public because it will be received in the kingdom.

4- The hope of giving v. 4

A. Observations:

- What are rewards?
 - Acknowledgments “crowns” (James 1:12; 1 Peter 5:4; 2 Timothy 4:8)
 - Enjoyments “inheritance” (Dan. 12:13; Mt. 25:21)
 - Responsibilities “reigning” (Ephesians 2:8-10; 1 Cor. 3:12-15; 2 Cor. 5:10)
 - How might our spiritual gifts play into our kingdom role?

4- The hope of giving v. 4

B. Summary/Application:

- Giving is a private affair between us and God.
- God Himself will reward the right kind of giving.
- Not all giving is rewardable.
- What we do now determines what will be done in the kingdom.
- Do we trade kingdom glory for earthly “heaven?”



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