

January 4

Matthew

1-4 Affirming Jesus' Royalty vs Satan's Temptations

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Matthew 6:33

Seek *First* His Kingdom
& His Righteousness, and
all these things will be
given to you as well.

Christ in the Storm on the
Lake of Galilee, 1633
Rembrandt (1606-1669)



Matthew, c. 1625
by Frans Hal

Sea
of Galilee



John Fogarty wrote a folksy song for CCR or
Credence Clearwater Revival in 1972

“Someday Never Comes”

Inspired from his experiencing the divorce
of his parents when he was 10 years old

Quote: **At the time, they told me,**

"Someday, you'll understand."

**The truth is that you never do understand,
and I found myself facing this as a parent.
The irony was painful & inescapable.**

In several places, in many ways, Matthew 6 tells us

Do NOT worry about tomorrow –

There's Enough WORRY in today



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First thing I remember

Was asking Papa, "Why?"

For there were many things I didn't know

And Daddy always smiled

Took me by the hand

Saying, "Someday you'll understand"

Tomorrow may never come – ONE clear theme of Matthew 6 is

“Don't Worry about Tomorrow”



Outlined of the SHORT report on Jesus' Life in the Gospel of Matthew

1-2 Birth and Infancy of Jesus

3-4 Beginning of Jesus's Ministry in Galilee

A History of Christmas – Matt 1-2 & Luke 1-2

5-7 Discourse 1—Sermon on the Mount

5 True Righteousness in *Love* Dec 28

6 *Treasure* & *Lord's Prayer* Jan 4

7 Authority Acknowledged Jan 11

8-9 Jesus's First Miracles

10 Discourse 2—Ministry of Jesus' Disciples

11-12 Responses to Jesus's Ministry

13 Discourse 3—Parables about the Kingdom

14-17 Close of Jesus' Ministry in Galilee

18 Discourse 4—Character of Jesus' Disciples

19-20 Jesus' Ministry on Way to Jerusalem

21-23 Jesus' Ministry in Jerusalem

24-25 Discourse 5—Last Days: No One Knows the HOUR

26-27 Betrayal, Crucifixion, Burial

28 Resurrection & Commission



LAST SUNDAY, we had a lively discussion on the meaning of “**MEEK**”

Mat. 5:5 Blessed are the **MEEK**, for they will inherit the earth.

Interestingly, πραῖς – praeis appears 1x in N.T. & 4x 3 other variations

1 Pet 3:4 – on women [beauty] should be that of your inner self,
the unfading beauty of a **GENTLE** and quiet spirit

Mat. 11:29 – Jesus on self Take my yoke upon you & learn
from me, for I am **GENTLE** & humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.

word for “humble” appears 3x among 8x uses in 4 variations
several times with MEEK, as in “Meek & Humble”

Mat. 21:5 trans Zechariah 9:9 – “Say to Daughter Zion,
‘See, your king comes to you, **GENTLE** & riding on a donkey’”

same word for **MEEK** in Mt 5



Meaning of “**MEEK**”

NIV – Meek
KJV – Meek
NASB – Gentle
CSB – Humble
ASV – Meek
New Living – Humble
ESV – Meek
Berean – Meek
Legacy – Lowly
Amplified – Gentle
ISB – Humble

< [Spurgeon on MEEK](#) >



Webster's **A.** enduring harm or injury with
patience & without resentment
B. having or showing a quiet gentle nature
lesser physical: weak, quiet, not strong

Cambridge quiet & gentle nature

Oxford English Dictionary 1st 1300
from ME, Teutonic, Welsh

- A.** Quiet, courteous, kind,
of a superior: merciful, compassionate
- B.** Free from haughtiness & self-will
piously humble & submissive
– patient & unresentful under injury
under reproach
- C.** *Negatively* – submit tamely to injury
or physically weak

< Spurgeon on Matthew 5:5 on **MEEK** >

Blessed are the **MEEK**, for they will inherit the earth.

Spurgeon notes first that each virtue proceeds

FROM one to the other, the necessity of first 2 to the third

First two, “**poor in spirit**” & “**mourn**” are negative, in that we **MUST** see our lowly place & mourn our failures that is, we **MUST** have accomplished first 2 to be **MEEK**

Unlike the negative of the first 2, **MEEK** is adds a virtue

The man is **poor in spirit** relates to himself.

His mourning is his own personal mourning which ends when he is comforted

MEEKNESS has to do with **OTHER PEOPLE.**



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< Spurgeon on Matthew 5:5 MEEK >

Blessed are the **MEEK**, for they will inherit the earth.

Spurgeon continues

It is true that it has a relationship to God,
but a man's meekness is specially towards his fellow-men.

He is not simply meek within himself.

His meekness is manifest in his dealings with others....

He knows himself to be less than the least of all saints
in some respects, the very chief of sinners.

... he does not expect to have the first place in the synagogue....

So he lies the lower before God ... more humbly among men.

Meek-spirited man is always of a humble, temper and carriage.



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< Spurgeon on Matthew 5:5 MEEK >

Blessed are the **MEEK**, for they will inherit the earth.

Spurgeon continues

He is the very opposite of the PROUD MAN who ...
must be a person of consequence, at any rate to himself.

He is one whom you know that you must give way,
unless you would have an altercation with him.

PROUD MAN is the gentleman who expects always
to have his top-gallants flying in all weathers, and
he must ever have his banner borne in front of him, and
everybody else must pay respect to him.

The great “I” stands conspicuous in him at all times.



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< Spurgeon on Matthew 5:5 MEEK >

Blessed are the **MEEK**, for they will inherit the earth.

Spurgeon continues

He lives in the first house in the street,
in the best room,
in the front parlour; and
when he wakes in the morning,
he shakes hands with himself, congratulates himself
upon being such a fine fellow as he is!

THAT is the very opposite of being **MEEK**!

Therefore, *HUMILITY*, although not all that there is in *MEEKNESS*,
HUMILITY is one of the chief characteristics of **MEEKNESS**



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Matthw 6 – Pt 2 – **Sermon on the Mount**

1-4 Giving to the Needy

1-8 Lord's Prayer—*INTRODUCTION to Secrets*

9-13 THE Lord's Prayer

14-15 – Lord's Prayer Postscript on Forgiveness

16-18 Fasting in Secret

19-24 Treasures in Heaven

25-32 Do Not Worry

33-34 Seek *FIRST* His Kingdom

Easy to see that these as separate pieces.

We have no idea how long Jesus was on the Mountain

Yet there is a subtle continuity, a theme leading to

SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM

Matthw 6 – Pt 2 **Sermon on the Mount**

From Matt 5, Jesus is STILL Up the Mountain with His Disciples

1-4 Giving to the Needy

**1-2 “Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others ...
... no reward from your Father in heaven.**

do not announce it with trumpets ... to be honored....

... they have received their reward in full.

**3-4 But when you give to the needy, do not let your
LEFT hand know what your RIGHT is doing,
so that your giving may be in SECRET.**

**Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret,
will reward you**



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“Someday Never Comes”

Tomorrow may never come . . .
Better GIVE while you can . . .

Well, I'm here to tell you
now each and every mother's son

You better learn it fast,
you better learn it young

'Cause someday never comes



Matthw 6 – Pt 2 – **Sermon on the Mount**

5-8 Lord's Prayer—*INTRODUCTION to Secrets*

5 “When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites,
for they love to pray standing in the synagogues....
they have received their reward in full.

6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and
pray to your Father, who is unseen.

Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret,
will reward you.

7 ... do not keep on babbling like pagans ... many words.

8 Do not be like them, for your
Father knows what you need before you ask Him.



Matthw 6 – Pt 2 – **Sermon on the Mount**

9-13 ***THE* Lord's Prayer**

9 This, then, is how you should pray:

Our Father in heaven, HALLOWED be Your Name,

10 Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

some later-dated manuscripts add:

for yours is the kingdom & the power & the glory forever. *Amen.*



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14-15 **THE Lord's Prayer**

Lord's Prayer *Postscript* on Forgiveness

14 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you,
your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

15 But if you do NOT forgive others their sins,
your Father will NOT forgive your sins.

FORGIVENESS is a HUGE part of Christian Life

Our Eternal Life is totally dependent upon FORGIVENESS

Christ on the Cross is the perfect model of FORGIVENESS

Christ's resurrection is the pathway for our FORGIVENESS

Our ticket into heaven is PAID for by Christ's FORGIVENESS

All should strive to **FORGIVE more in this life**



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Tomorrow may never come . . .
Better FORGIVE while you can . . .

The time and tears went by
And I collected dust
For there were many things I didn't know
When Daddy went away
He said, "Try to be a man
And someday you'll understand"



Matthw 6 – Pt 2 – **Sermon on the Mount**

16-18 Fasting in Secret

**16 “When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do,
for they disfigure their faces.... have received their reward....**

**17 But when you fast, put oil on your head & wash your face,
18 so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting,
but only to your Father, who is unseen;
and your Father, who sees what is done in secret,
will reward you.**

Who cannot get this message?

Without spending a lot of time on FASTING,

WHAT is meant by “*REWARD*”?



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“Someday Never Comes”

Tomorrow may never come . . .

HOPEFULLY, you'll have concerns
that weigh enough to FAST for

Well, I'm here to tell you
now each and every mother's son

You better learn it fast,
you better learn it young

'Cause someday never comes



Matthw 6 – Pt 2 – **Sermon on the Mount**

19-24 Treasures in Heaven

**19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,
where moths and vermin destroy,
and where thieves break in and steal.**

**20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where moths and vermin do not destroy,
and where thieves do not break in and steal.**

**21 For where your Treasure is,
there your Heart will be also.**

This verse is the theme of my domain, www.PreciousHeart.net



Matthw 6 – Pt 2 – **Sermon on the Mount**

19-24 Treasures in Heaven *continued*

22 “The eye is the lamp of the body.

If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light.

23 But if your eyes are unhealthy,

your whole body will be full of darkness.

**If then the light within you is darkness,
how great is that darkness!**

24 “No one can serve TWO MASTERS.

Either you will hate the one & love the other,

or you will be devoted to the one & despise the other.

You cannot serve both God and money.



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“Someday Never Comes”

Tomorrow may never come . . .

**And then one day in April
I wasn't even there**

For there were many things I didn't know

A son was born to me

Mama held his hand

Saying, "Someday you'll understand"



Matthw 6 – Pt 2 – **Sermon on the Mount**

25-32 Do Not Worry

**25 “Therefore I tell you, DO NOT WORRY about your life,
what you will eat or drink.... Is not life more than food ...?**

**26 Look at the birds of the air ... Father feeds them.
Are you not much more valuable than they?**

**27 Can any one of you by worrying
add a single hour to your life?**

28-33 Clothes, Solomon, eat ...

34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow



Matthw 6 – Pt 2 – **Sermon on the Mount**

25-32 Do Not Worry – *continued*

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life,
what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear.

Is not life more than food,
and the body more than clothes?

26 Look at the birds of the air ... Father feeds them.

27 Can any one ... by worrying add a single hour to your life?

28-32 ... clothes ... flowers ... Solomon ...

grass of the field ...

DO NOT WORRY ... see pagans



Matthw 6 – Pt 2 – **Sermon on the Mount**

33-34 Seek **FIRST** His Kingdom

**33 But Seek First His Kingdom & His righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well.**

Charles Spurgeon published 2 messages on this verse
and one message 6:31-33

Spurgeon notes how sinful too much worry is ...

Spurgeon notes how the pagans worry

Spurgeon notes how **SOME WORRY** is in fact Pagan
SOME Worry is simply **HUMAN** ...

Yet too much WORRY denies God's Providential Grace



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Charles Spurgeon on Matthew 6:33 “Seek ***FIRST*** the Kingdom”

Our text sets before us the TRUE SPHERE
of Christian carefulness.

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God, & His righteousness.”

Seek ***THAT*** with all your care!

Seek ***THAT*** with all your energy.

Be anxious about ***THAT***.

Let your whole mind run in that direction
with eagerness and thought.

You cannot be too careful or too energetic
when God & Righteousness are concerned.



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Tomorrow may never come . . .

Think it was September
The year I went away

For there were many things I didn't know
And I still see him standin'
Tryin' to be a man

I said, "Someday you'll understand"

Maybe ... after Matthew 7 ... when Jesus finished
Jesus thought or HOPED His disciples would UNDERSTAND



Matthw 6 – Pt 2 – **Sermon on the Mount**

33-34 Seek **FIRST** His Kingdom



33 But Seek First His Kingdom & His righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well.

34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow,
for tomorrow will worry about itself.

Each day has enough trouble of its own.

So easy to see Matthew 6 as a separate entity closing neatly
Yet 6 is just Part 2 of 3 of whole Sermon on the Mount

Would that we could've been there for the **Whole Sermon**
seeing & hearing **Jesus Christ Himself**

