



Jesus' Lesson Of Contrasts

Matthew, Chapters 5-7

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<p><u>What Jesus said:</u> “But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” “But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.”</p>	<p><u>What was said before</u> “You shall not commit adultery” (Exodus 20:14)</p> <p>“Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.” (Matthew 5:31)</p>		

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Jesus Was Doing Exactly What Moses Said He Would

Acts 3:22-23, “Moses said, ‘The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.’”

Deuteronomy 18:15, “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers – it is to him you shall listen”

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<p><u>Approval of God</u> Galatians 1:10, “For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God?”</p>	<p><u>Praise of men</u> “For do I now persuade men ...” (NKJV) “... do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.” (NKJV)</p>		
<p>Can't do both</p>			

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Many Were More Concerned About Men Than God

John 12:42-43, “Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.”

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<p><u>Inward</u> Sincerity Matthew 22:37 “... ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’”</p>	<p><u>Outward</u> Hypocrisy Matthew 23:27-28, “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!”</p> <p>Pretenders</p>		

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<p><u>Heavenly</u> Colossians 3:1-2, "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above..."</p>	<p><u>Earthly/Temporal</u> "... not on things that are on earth." 1 John 2:15-16, "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world – the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions – is not from the Father but is from the world."</p>		

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<p><u>Trust in God</u> Hebrews 2:11-13, "For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, 'I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Behold, I and the children God has given me.'"</p>	<p><u>Fear and anxiety</u> "... do not be anxious about tomorrow" Revelation 21:8, "But for the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part (shall be) in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death." (ASV)</p>		

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Man Has A Choice

Of worrying and fretting about problems and trials of this life ...

Revelation 21:8, "... the fearful ..."

OR

... Believing God and trusting in His promises

Thus having true peace of mind

Hebrews 13:5-6, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

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<p><u>Straight and narrow</u> One way – John 14:6 "Only one person wide" Hard to travel, few find it</p>	<p><u>Wide and broad</u> A busy street 11 Peter 2:1-2, "... who will secretly bring in destructive heresies ..." Many will travel this route</p>		

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<p><u>Bedrock</u> "Wise man" Hebrews 5:9, "And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him"</p>	<p><u>Sand</u> "Foolish man" 11 Thessalonians 1:8-10, "... inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God"</p>		

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Which One Are YOU? Wise or Foolish

It's the Difference Between Eternal Salvation and Eternal Condemnation
And We All Will Choose One or The Other

Which Will It Be For YOU?

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What Will Your Answer Be?

•Will You Hear the Word of God

- James 1:21 – “Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”

•Will You Believe the Gospel message

- Hebrews 11:6 – “And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

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What Will Your Answer Be?

•Will You Repent of your sins

- Acts 3:19 – “Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out”

•Will You Confess that Jesus is the Son of God

- Romans 10:9-10 – “... because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”

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What Will Your Answer Be?

•Will You Be immersed in water

- Acts 2:38 – “And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”

•Will You Remain faithful

- Hebrews 3:12-14 – “... if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end”

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