

## THE KING HAS COME - BOOK OF MATTHEW CHAPTER 1

Introduction:

Understand the four gospels:

1. Matthew is Jewish and presents Christ as King
2. Mark is Roman and presents Christ as Servant
3. Luke is Greek and presents Christ as Perfect Son of Man
4. John is Universal and presents Christ as Son of God

Important FACTS about Matthew

- Written by a Jewish Tax-collector named Levi (Matt. 9:9-13)
- Bridge between the Old and New Testament
- Therefore there are 53 quotations & 76 References from the Old
- Levi refers to 25 of the 29 books of the Old Testament
- Most often word is FULFILLED 1:22, 2:15, 2:17...etc.
- Christ is spoken of as the Son of David
- Is the Kingdom Gospel....
- Is not chronological as is Mark and Luke...
- Inspired to present Christ as king revealed & rejected by Israel
- Shows how Jesus turned to the Gentiles
- Shows Him rejected, crucified, buried, risen again!
- Reveals the final authority Jesus is given in Matt. 28:18-20

First 10 chapters of Matthew... **REVELATION OF THE \_\_\_\_\_**

- His Person (1-4) His principles (5 – 7) His power (8 – 10)

### I. **The Faithful \_\_\_\_\_** 1:1-18

What is providence? God's control of circumstances and Resources so that His will prevails in spite of the disobedience of man.

- Satan has had an all out effort to stop the promised seed.  
Examples: Abrahams seed was almost most through Sarah  
(Gen 12:10-20)  
All the royal seed was slain except for young  
Joash in II Kings 11.

- Matthew's genealogy is of Joseph the legal father in the eyes of the law. Luke Give Mary's genealogy back to Abraham
- God's grace is seen in the list of women:  
Tamar (Gen 38) committed whoredoms  
Rahab a harlot and foreigner  
Ruth a foreigner and Moabitess (Duet 23:3-6) needed 10 generations to become a legal Jew – Ruth 4:18 – 22 lists 10!  
Bathsheba committed adultery with David

His grace makes a way for all of us... Eph. 2:11-13

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ALL GENEALOGY RECORDS WERE DESTROYED IN 70AD DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE... Jesus is the only Jew  
Alive today that can prove His right to DAVID's THRONE!

### II. **The Fulfilled** \_\_\_\_\_(18 -25)

**Promise** goes way back to Gen. 3:15

"I will put enmity between thee and the woman, between thy seed and her seed...it shall bruise thy head and you shall bruise His heel".

- Notice the word "Fulfilled" God always keeps His Word!
- Joseph believed the dream...Had faith in God, protected Mary
- Jesus means "Joshua" – or "Saviour" (Greek version)  
Two Joshua's in the Old Testament – One a conqueror  
(Book of Joshua)

The other a High priest (Zech. 2)

Isaiah picks up the promise in Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign, The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

Practical lessons from Matthew 1:

1. God is in control of history
2. Grace of God makes salvation possible to everyone
3. Joseph pondered these things..don't make quick decisions
4. When God commands immediate obedience!

## CHAPTER 2

Introduction: We come again to the moment in history that changes everything!  
“In the fullness of time, God sent for His son, born of a woman, born under the law.” God chose at this moment to manifest heaven to earth and the “Kingdom of God” visited earth through a simple girl from Bethlehem. She birthed God’s kingdom on earth...we are called to do the same! We birth in our spirit by the Holy Spirit and it becomes visible by faith! Mary had no idea how this plan worked, but trusted God with a pure heart. She left the rest up to God’s power and purpose.

**Ch 1 tells us \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus was born**

**Ch 2 tells us \_\_\_\_\_ he was born**

### OUTLINE

I. Homage to the King 1- 12

II. Hatred of the King 13-18

III. Humility of the King 19 -23

**Mary’s Magnificent\_\_\_\_\_**

“For with God nothing shall be impossible”

TWO GREAT STATEMENTS OF MARY!

“..behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me according to thy word.” 1:38

“whatsoever He says to you, do it”. John 2:5

### **I. Homage to the King 1- 12**

#### **A. There came a wicked king - Herod**

- In the days of Herod the king (conflict)
- Herod was jealous, ruthless, lustful, deceptive....

### **PICTURE OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD INVADING THE DARKNESS OF MAN**

#### **B. There came\_\_\_\_\_:**

- Seeking God’s King
- Following the Star
- Learning the Way
- Obeying the Voice
- Finding the King
- Worshipping with all their heart
- Returning changed!

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### PICTURE OF THE GENTILE NATIONS THAT SHALL COME THE KING!

#### II. Hatred of the King 13- 18

- Satan's desire to **deceive** "that I may come and worship him also"
- Satan uses people to **destroy**
- Satan brings **death** destruction

#### **God's faithful protection and provision**

#### **God's Plan will always**\_\_\_\_\_

- Joseph followed God's plan
- Joseph protected the King

#### III. Humility of the King 19- 23

Nazareth a **humble town** – "what good thing can come out of Nazareth". Nathanael  
John 1:46

Joseph & Mary **humble parents** – carpenter & housewife

### PICTURE OF THE HYPOSTATIC UNION OF THE DIVINE AND HUMAN NATURES OF CHRIST

## CHAPTER 3

### Baptism of Water and Fire

- I. John the Baptist came 3:1-6
- II. The Pharisees and Sadducees came 3:7-12
- III. Jesus came 3:13-17

Introduction: Remember first 10 chapters of Matt. are the revelation of the King. Chapter 1 – His ancestry; Chapter 2 – His birth...these show from the Old Testament that Jesus was the coming King.

#### I. John the Baptist Came:

1. *His* \_\_\_\_\_ 1 – 2

Kingdom demands repentance – coming under the Ruler ship of the King  
Kingdom was offered to Israel first – It's offered to us today

2. *His* \_\_\_\_\_ 3

- John fulfilled the prophecy of Isa. 40:3
- John was the last OT prophet Luke 16:16
- “The law and the prophets were until John; since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presses into it.”

3. *His* \_\_\_\_\_ 4

- Humble and Rustic in dress and manner... like Elijah II Kings 1:8.
- Malachi 4:5-6 prophesied that Elijah would come Before the great and dreadful day of the Lord.
- Jews asked John if he were Elijah in John 1:21
- John came in the spirit and power of Elijah Luke 1:17

4. *His* \_\_\_\_\_ 5 – 6

- This was a baptism unto repentance...it was from heaven Matt. 21:25-32

for two purposes:

- a. To introduce Jesus to the nation
- b. To prepare the hearts for the coming King

#### II. The Pharisees and Sadducees came 7 – 12

1. *Their character* 7 – 8 -

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- Pharisees were “literalists” who turned the law into a burden.
  - Sadducees were “Liberals” who denied much of the New Testament.
    - Jesus calls them a generation of Vipers.... Satan is a serpent John 8:44 says they were children of Satan.
2. *Their need* 9 – 12
- They depended upon their relationship to Abraham to save them... They missed the simple salvation.. Nicodemus found the truth.
    - John points them to Jesus....

### III. **Jesus Came 13 – 17**

1. *Obligation* – “To fulfill all righteousness”  
John 8:29 “To the Father Jesus said, I do those things that please Him”.
2. *Consecration* – OT priest was washed, anointed and received H.S.  
Exodus 29
3. *Commendation* – Jesus was approving John’s ministry
4. *Proclamation* – Jesus was officially introduced here to His earthly ministry
5. *Anticipation* – this baptism was symbolic of the coming baptism unto death on the cross.  
Luke 12:50 “but I have a baptism to baptized with..” Jesus said
6. *Identification* – He identified with sinful man
  - Immediately Jesus was driven by the Spirit into the wilderness...picture of the OT “Scapegoat” that carried the sins of Israel into the wilderness. Leviticus 16:1 - 10

## CHAPTER 4

### Jesus introduces a new Kingdom

Introduction: The early chapters of Matthew are transitional between the Old and New Testaments. John the Baptist was the last of the old testament prophets, Jesus was the beginning of the new. John preached “Repent and be baptized” Jesus preached, “The kingdom of God is at hand”. As Jesus introduces the kingdom of God in a new dimension, we see the foundation being laid for the entire new testament. Paul concluded the book of Acts still preaching the same gospel Jesus preached. **“Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.”** Acts 28:30-31 Paul received the revelation of God’s grace, but never ceased centering his message on the “kingdom of God”.

#### I. Jesus fulfills two Old Testament types...to bring in a new thing!

##### ADAM

Adam	Christ
I Corinthians 15:45	
<b>”And so it is written, ‘The first man Adam became a living being.’ The last Adam became a life-giving spirit”.</b>	
Tempted in beautiful garden Was at his best King of the old creation (Gen. 1:26) Sinned and lost dominion (Heb 2:6-9) Defeated & brought death	Tempted in a remote wilderness Was hungry and tired King of a new creation (II Cor.5:17) Obeyed & regained dominion (Rom. 5) Victorious & brought life

##### DAVID

David	Christ
Acts 2:29-30	
“Men <i>and</i> brethren, let <i>me</i> speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne.”	
Came from Bethlehem Chosen and anointed Goliath dared Israel for 40 days David used 5 stones to kill giant Goliath is called a strongman David took satan’s head (David did with sword)	Came from Bethlehem Chosen and anointed Jesus tempted for 40 day Jesus used 5 books of Deuteronomy Satan is called a strongman Jesus destroyed the head of satan (Jesus with sword of the Spirit – word)

**II. Jesus Introduces a New Kingdom on Earth....by coming as \_\_\_\_\_**

A. What is the gospel of the kingdom? **Understanding His Authority!**

- His ownership over all things (by creation & redemption)
- His dominion over all things "He is before all things, and in Him all things subsist." Colossians 1:17
- His authority over sin, sickness, Satan, poverty and all the kingdoms of this world.

B. What are we to preach to the nations?

***"All power is given unto men in heaven and earth... go ye therefore."***

- Jesus gave them authority to cast out demons, heal the sick....
- Jesus said, "I will be with you...." Matthew 28:20

**III. Jesus introduces a new kind of baptism... \_\_\_\_\_  
(Imparting His power and authority to YOU and ME)**

Matthew 3:11 ***"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He Who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."***

- Matthew 3:11: ... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit..."
- Mark 1:8: ... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit..."
- Luke 3:16: "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit..."
- Luke 24:49: ... stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." (see fulfillment in Acts 2).
- John 1:33: the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit."
- Acts 1:4-5: ... the Promise of the Father..."; ...you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit..."
- Acts 2:1-4: "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages..."
- Acts 2:14-18: I will pour out my Spirit..." (quoting Joel 2:28-29).
- Acts 4:31: ... they were all filled with the Holy Spirit..."
- Acts 8:14-17: ... prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit..."; ...as yet the Spirit had not yet come upon any of them..."; ...they received the Holy Spirit..."; ...the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands...."
- Acts 9:17: "Jesus...has sent me...that you may...be filled with the Holy Spirit."



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- Acts 10:44-48: "The Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word..."; ...the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out..."; ...people who have received the Holy Spirit..."
- Acts 11:15-16: ... the Holy Spirit fell upon them..."; ...you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit..."
- Acts 19:1-6: "Did you receive the Holy Spirit...?"; ...the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied..."

### **What happens at this baptism?**

- It is separate from being "Indwelt by the Holy Spirit" (sealed) Eph. 1
- It imparts to you His fullness in you and upon you for ministry.
- It is primarily for witness and authority to take the gospel to the nations.

Have you received this baptism since you believed?

Ask by faith, just like you received Christ.... Open your heart and mouth to speak forth His words.... Ask Him to fill you to overflowing. Wait and believe you have received.

## CHAPTER 5

### PATHWAY TO HAPPINESS (blessed)

Introduction: The King, Jesus, has now been introduced. In chapter 1 of Matthew we saw the providence of God, “In the fullness of time” and the promise of God Gen. 3:15. In Chapter 2 was seen the entrance of the kingdom in a world of another king Herod. How God invades the darkness with the presence of Christ. In Chapter 3 we saw the introduction of the King at His baptism and the entrance of Jesus new baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire. Jesus is tested in the wilderness in chapter 4 and comes out into His full anointing. “Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit”.

Now Jesus teaches on the principles of the kingdom. What do kingdom people look like. What are the attitudes that true kingdom people demonstrate through the righteousness of Christ.

#### I. Jesus gives teaching concerning right Relationship.

##### MATTHEW 5:17-20

Our relationship depends totally on the righteousness of Christ!

1. \_\_\_\_\_righteousness. Deposited to our account through the finished Work of Christ. **”And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.”** *Philippians 3:9*
2. \_\_\_\_\_righteousness. **“Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.”** *Philippians 3:12*  
(i.e living in the full provision of His grace)  
“That the eyes of your understanding may be enlightened....” Eph. 1

This righteousness is lived out by the power of the Holy Spirit as we embrace the “Mind of Christ” by faith.

#### II. Jesus gives teaching concerning right witness.

##### MATTHEW 5:13-16

1. We are the “salt of the earth”, flavored by the righteousness of Christ in us and through us.
2. We are the “light of the world”. His light shines through us.  
Jesus great prayer for us in  
***John 17:22-23 “And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they***

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***may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.”***

### III. Jesus gives teaching concerning right character.

#### MATTHEW 5:1-10

The beatitudes are the characters traits of the nature of Christ's righteousness dwelling in us. This is how a child of the kingdom will look when we walk in the Spirit.

1. **“Blessed are the poor \_\_\_\_\_ for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**  
- Our attitude toward **OURSELVES**. We must be empty before we can be filled.  
*Jesus emptied Himself of His divine rights!*

***Philippians 2:5-6 “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation, but took upon himself the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men.”***

2. **“Blessed are those who \_\_\_\_\_ for they shall be comforted.**  
- Our attitude toward **SIN**. We should mourn over the consequences of sin both in our lives and others.  
*Jesus wept over Jerusalem.*

Sin...when it is finished brings death....

***James 1:14-16 “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.”***

“Adam and Eve looked upon the fruit, took it and they died.”

“Achan looked on the garment, took it, and he and his family died”

“David looked upon the woman, took her, and his son died.”

**All sin must be paid for with death.....**

3. **“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”**  
- Our attitude toward **OTHERS**. Meekness is power under control. Coming under the ruler ship of Christ.  
*Jesus said, “Not my will by Thine be done.”*

“Submitting one to another in the fear of the Lord”

**CHAPTER 6**  
**THE SPIRIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**  
(His righteousness revealed)

The key verse for all of Matthew is found in Chapter 6:33 ***“Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.”***

True righteousness is revealed in our heart attitude in three ways

1. Believer and his worship – in prayer and fasting
2. Believer and his wealth – in trust and faith
3. Believer and his walk – in peace and rest

**Your prayer life is a revelation of your passion for His life, power and kingdom.**

How are we to pray?

1. **Praying Always** – Staying in a constant attitude of prayer  
**Ephesians 6:18** ***“praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints”***
2. **Praying in the Spirit** – Tuning your heart in to the things of the Spirit  
**Jude 1:20** ***“But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.”***
3. **Pray in Faith** - Without faith it is impossible to please God,. **Mark 11:24** ***“Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”***

Jesus gave us this awesome prayer called the **“Lord’s Prayer”**. It is really a revelation of His heart for the kingdom to be revealed on earth.

Jesus said pray in this manner.....Matthew 6:10-13

**“ Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.”**

1. Our Highest Relationship **“Our Father which art in heaven”**
2. Our Highest Worship **“Hallowed be Thy name.”**
3. Our Highest Expectation **“Thy kingdom come”**
4. Our Highest Purpose – **“Thy will be done in earth as in heaven”**
5. Our Highest Provision – **“Give us this day our daily bread”**
6. Our Highest Promise – **“Forgive us our debts, as we forgive..”**
7. Our Highest Protection – **“Lead us not into temptation”**
8. Our Highest Declaration – **“For Thine is the kingdom, power & glory”**
- 9.

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**LET STUDY THE LORD'S PRAYER....** It is a key to the kingdom in our lives!

1. **Our Highest** \_\_\_\_\_ - "Our Father which art in heaven"... this is the divine connection of heaven to earth! Our relationship to the Father determines our ability to experience His kingdom on earth.

- Jesus came to reveal the heart of the Father.

John 3:16 ***"For God (the Father) so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son."***

- Jesus came to reveal the nature of the Father.

John 14:9 ***"Jesus said unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and ye hast thou not known me, Philip? He that has seen me has seen the Father, and how do you say then, show us the Father?"***

Colossians 2:10 ***"In Christ dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily".!***

2. **Our Highest Worship** – "Hallowed be Thy name"

### **Eight Redemptive Names of God**

**JEHOVAH-** \_\_\_\_\_

"The Lord our provider" - This is also the name Abraham gave to the place where the Lord provided a sacrifice in place of Isaac. (Gen. 22:14).

**JEHOVAH-** \_\_\_\_\_

"Our banner, a banner of love and protection" - Also the name Moses gave to the altar he built after defeating the Amalekites (Ex. 17:15).

**JEHOVAH-** \_\_\_\_\_

"Our perfect peace" - Also the name Gideon gave to the altar he built at Ophrah (Judges 6:24) Also means "completeness, wholeness, soundness"

**JEHOVAH-** \_\_\_\_\_

"The Lord is our righteousness" - The name is applied to a future Davidic king who would lead his people to do what is right and thus bring peace (Jeremiah 23:6) and to the restored city of Jerusalem (Jeremiah 33:16). The name is possibly a play on the name of Zedekiah ("Righteous [is] the Lord") who reigned from 597 to 587 B.C..

**JEHOVAH-** \_\_\_\_\_

"The One Who is with us everywhere for He is Omnipresent" - The Jerusalem of Ezekiel's vision (see Ezekiel 48:35 margin) was known by this name. Compare text at Isaiah 60:19-20 and Revelation 21:3.

**JEHOVAH-** \_\_\_\_\_

"The Lord of Hosts, our Protector." C.H. Spurgeon said this about the phrase "*The Lord of Hosts*: The Lord rules the angels, the stars, the elements, and all the hosts of Heaven; and the Heaven of heavens is under His sway... [the Lord] is on our side -- our august Ally; woe unto those who fight against Him, for they shall flee like smoke before the wind when He gives the word to scatter them."

See text at Psalm 46:7.

**JEHOVAH-** \_\_\_\_\_ - "The Lord is my Shepherd"

## CHAPTER 6 - Part 2, 3 & 4

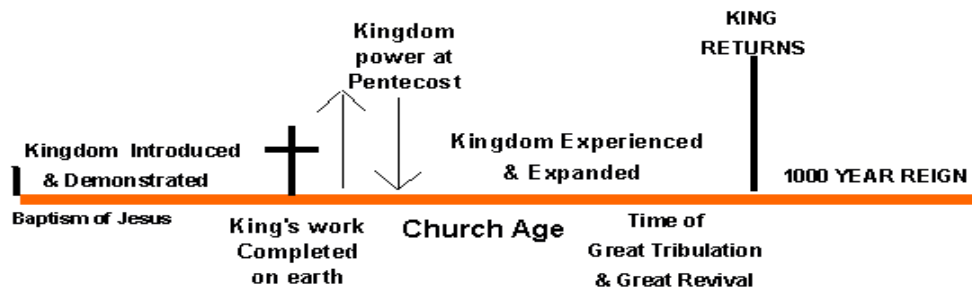
### 3. Our Highest \_\_\_\_\_ “Thy Kingdom Come”

God has placed in the desire of all men to return to Eden. A place of peace, harmony, safety, love and goodness. It is only found in the Righteousness of Christ.

**Romans 14:17** *“For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.”*

His kingdom is called the place of Righteousness, Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost.. The second coming is called the “Blessed Hope”.....it is our present hope and future hope!

## GOD'S KINGDOM PLAN FOR THIS AGE



Basics of the Kingdom:

- It is where ever Jesus rules without resistance
- It is His place of \_\_\_\_\_. “We have no authority unless we are under authority.” We operate through transmitted authority.
- We are in training for “Reigning” in this age.
- It is the central message of the \_\_\_\_\_
- It is the final message of this Age. ***“When this gospel of the kingdom is preached in all the world unto all nations (ethnos), then shall the end come.”*** Matthew 24:14

How do I make the principles of the Kingdom work in my life?

1. Seek first His kingdom... desire to know the kingdom, follow the kingdom
2. Seek His righteousness along with the kingdom. His righteousness will prepare you to receive all you are in YOUR STANDING IN CHRIST.
3. Release the kingdom by faith! Understand it is of Grace!

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### 4. Our Highest \_\_\_\_\_ . “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

Knowing and doing the will of God on earth creates a divine connection between heaven and earth. It releases heaven to earth...

Jesus revealed that this was His Highest Purpose:

John 7:17 ***“If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.”***

John 6:38 ***“For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me”***

John 5:30 ***“I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”***

### What are the keys to doing the will of God “on earth”?

1. Submitting your body as a living sacrifice. Romans 12:1-2 ***“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”***

2. Renewing you mind daily to God’s word & to hear His voice.

3. What are the three voices we hear daily?

- **Inner voice of man** – Called “Self-speak”
- **Voices of demons** (Satan spoke to Eve, Satan spoke to Jesus)
- **Voice of God** “And God said...” over and over again in the word.

Remember the power of listening to God. Part of your prayer time should be to Listen. (5-fold prayer called the Two Hands prayer)

One hand:

1. **Worship**
2. **Confession**
3. **Intercession**
4. **Listening**
5. **Thanksgiving**

Other hand:

2. **Intercession:** 1. World. 2. Ministries 3. Authorities 4. Family 5. Poor & weak

## WORSHIP WITH OUR WEALTH

### V. Our Highest \_\_\_\_\_: "GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD"

Key: His provision is totally based on His promises. Our appropriation of promises is based on our ability to be loved by Him and receive His love.

II Corinthians 9:8 ***"God is able to make all grace abound, that having all sufficiency in all things, you may have an abundance for every good work."*** - Released through sowing and reaping  
- Increased by God principle of multiplication

**5 times Jesus said in Matthew 6... "Take no thought"** (about food, clothing, your future, our physical stature) Our Father loves us and cares.

Matthew 7:11 ***"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?"***

What should our attitude be about wealth and riches and money?

1. Money has potential to be showy? You can easily parade your money, or use you money to influence others or even control. Give quietly and graciously.  
Matthew 6:1-3

2. Money has potential to control you and cause you to be double minded. Your heart can become dark with ulterior motives. Matthew 6:21 - 24  
There is a reason Jesus called it "Filthy Lucre" "Ungodly Mammon"

3. Money can be a blessing in the kingdom. But we must:  
- Give to direct and guard our hearts. "Where you treasure is, there will your heart be also." V-21  
- ***"Seek first the kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you."*** Matthew 6:33

### **SIMPLE TRUTH... YOU CAN DIRECT YOUR HEART BY YOUR GIFTS TO THE KINGDOM!**

Giving therefore becomes one of the greatest evidences of personal freedom from greed and bondage to money.

THERE IS A SIMPLE BEAUTY IN THE PROVISION OF GOD

- Flowers are more beautiful than the richest man that ever lived.
- Birds are more free than any man