

"The Break of Day"

Matthew 4: 18 - 25

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- Section 1: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Has Been Displayed, (Chpt. 3 - 4)
 - True righteousness as a nature has been displayed in the faithful obedience of Christ, (Chpt. 4)
 - 5. Obedience that trusts absolutely in the living word of God, (vs. 18 - 22)
 - Trusting absolutely is given to those whom God chooses, (vs. 18a; Also 21a); *"Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "* For many are called, but few are chosen." (Matthew 22:13-14)

"And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, so that "they may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven." (Mark 4:11-12)
 - Trusting absolutely does not require any specialized preparation to start, (vs. 18b); *"Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' "* (Amos 7:14-15)

"But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. " (1 Corinthians 1:27-29)
 - Trusting absolutely changes materially your outlook and expectations, (vs. 19); *"... but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also..." (John 12:24-26)*
 - Trusting absolutely is an "All or nothing" proposition, (vs. 20); *"Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold..." (Mark 10:28-31)*
 - Trusting absolutely requires setting aside earthly stability, (vs. 21 - 22); *"For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles..." (Galatians 1:12-16)*
 - a. The stability of what is hoped for, (vs. 21a); *"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. "* (Hebrews 11:1-2)
 - b. The stability of family connections, (vs. 21b); *"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father... " (Luke 14:26)*
 - c. The stability of material success, (vs. 21c); *"... this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." (Mark 12:43-44)*
 - d. The stability of identity, (vs. 21d); *"from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, " (Ephesians 3:15)*
 - e. The stability of certainty, (vs. 22); *"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. "* (Matthew 6:34)

“To Be Or Not” Series Outline

Matthew 3 - 12

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20)

The Lord Jesus Himself Has Told Us That True Righteousness Is Not A Ritual But A Nature, (Chpt. 3 - 12)

- Section 1: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Has Been Displayed, (Chpt. 3 - 4)
- Section 2: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Promoted By Formative Discipline, (Chpt. 5 - 7)
- Section 3: A Nature Of True Righteousness Must Be Applied, (Chpt. 8 - 9)
- Section 4: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Divinely Expected, (Chpt. 10 - 12)