

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUESTION: "ARE THERE ANY CHRISTIANS IN THE BOOK OF MATTHEW?"

ANSWER: "OF COURSE NOT"

Q: "Well, who is Jesus talking to then?"

A: "Israel (the Jews) – pork abstaining, temple attending, Saturday worshipping and animal sacrificing Jews ... trying to keep, but with absolute failure, the Ten Commandments, while **ONLY COVERING** their past sins (remission) with animal blood sacrifices."

Q: "Is he telling them how to become Christians? Is he preaching the gospel to them?"

A: "How can he? He hasn't died and gone to the cross yet!"

Q: "Well he seems to preaching about a kingdom of some sort?"

A: "Yes, it's called the kingdom of heaven. He's got them on a mountain somewhere, and he's giving them the Sermon on the Mount, as it is popularly called, and yes, he is preaching the gospel to them ... it's called the **KINGDOM OF HEAVEN GOSPEL**."

Q: "What's that about?"

A: "It no longer exists! Today we only have the **KINGDOM OF GOD** GOSPEL."

Q: "What's the difference?"

A: "Jesus says to them 'Look men and women of Israel, I have come to set up a kingdom here on earth ... we will call it the kingdom of heaven.

(You can almost hear Jesus saying "Look dear Jews, here is your big chance before I go to the cross, because after that, the kingdom of heaven will not be available to you anymore ... we will have the kingdom of God ... the Apostle Paul will tell you all about that kingdom.)

Q: "Well, what will this kingdom of heaven be like Jesus?" they say

A: "Good question, it will be one of pure works from start to finish."

Q: "Like what?"

A: "Like the following –

1. You must be **pure in heart** to see God (<u>Matt 5:8</u>)

2. Your righteousness **must exceed** that of the Pharisees (<u>Matt 5:20</u>).

3. Saying "**Thou fool**" with no good cause will mean **hell fire** (<u>Matt 5:22</u>)

4. **Lusting** after women is adultery and equal to the act (<u>Matt 5:27-28</u>)

5. **Pluck your eye out if necessary** if it causes you to sin (<u>Matt 5:30</u>)

6. There will be **no oaths** using heaven's name (<u>Matt 5:33</u>)

7. Limit your agreements to a 'yes' or 'no' (Matt 5:37)

8. **Don't pay back evil for evil** (<u>Matt 5:38-41,42-44</u>) but go the extra mile (<u>Matt 5:41</u>)

9. You have to be perfect like God (<u>Matt 5:48</u>)

10. Give **alms** in secret (<u>Matt 6:1-4</u>)

11. **Pray** in secret (<u>Matt 6:5-8</u>)

12. **Forgive** others or God won't forgive you (<u>Matt 6:14</u>

13. **Fast** in secret (<u>Matt 6:16-18</u>) 14. No **hoarding** up **money** or **goods** (<u>Matt 6:19-21,24</u>)

15. No worrying about **food and drink** (<u>Matt 6:25-28,29-32,33</u>)

16. Take no **thought** about tomorrow (<u>Matt 6:34</u>)

17. No **hypocrisy** (<u>Matt 7:1-5</u>) 18. Beware of **false prophets** (<u>Matt 7:15-18,19-22,23</u>)

Q: "But they are impossible rules to keep Jesus!" they said

A: "I know, they are just like the Ten Commandments which you couldn't keep either ... but they go even further into the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Q: "How can we ever keep these rules here on earth?

A: "I'll do it for you on our behalf ... but theirs is also one other thing. You'll need animal blood to cover your past sins ... it's called remission for past sins (<u>Rom 3:25</u>)"

Q: Can we then go to heaven when we die?"

A: "No, you'll go to a place under the earth called Abraham's Bosom (<u>Luke 16:22</u>) and I'll come and take you to heaven after the cross (<u>Ephesians 4:8</u>)

Q: "Can't we just become Christians and go straight into the kingdom of God?"

A: "No, you'll have to wait till I die for that. Till I die, you must believe on me (<u>John 3:16</u>) that I will keep the Sermon on the Mount rules (Matt 5-7) and you must keep going to the temple cover your past sins with animal blood."

Q: "So we are not Christians then?"

A: "Of course not!"

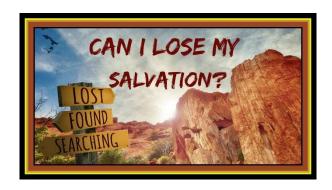
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