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Kingdom Power

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

A STUDY OF MATTHEW 5–7

The Play's the Thing
Wherein We Honor the Glory of the King
Matthew 6:1-6; 16-18



October 18, 2026



Bible Study Prayer

**Father, as we turn to the Bible,
What we know not - teach us,
What we have not - give us,
What we are not - make us,
For your Son's sake,
Amen.**



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Lesson Overview

Giving to the Poor

Praying

Fasting

Receiving Your Reward



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Wee Bit of Greek

“Beware of doing your righteousness before men to be seen by them;”
(Matthew 6:1 - LSB)

theaomai – θεάομαι – to view attentively
theatron – θέατρον – theater

“... as the hypocrites do . . .” – (Matthew 6:2, 5, & 16 – LSB)

hypocrite – hupokrités – ὑποκριτής
hypocrite, actor, stage player, pretender



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Prayer (Tefillah) >>> Corporate Prayer

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**Three things annul a harsh decree, and they are: Prayer (Tefillah),
Charity/Almsgiving (Tzedakah), and Repentance (Teshuvah)**
(Jerusalem Talmud, Ta'anit 2:1)

2 Chronicles 7:14



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Setting the Stage

Beware of doing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 6:1 (LSB)



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Giving to the Poor

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do not sound a trumpet before you,
as the hypocrites do in the synagogues
and in the streets, so that they
may be glorified by men.**

**Truly I say to you,
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**But when you give to the poor,
do not let your left hand know
what your right hand is doing,
so that your giving will be done in secret;
and your Father who sees what is
done in secret will reward you.**

Matthew 6:3-4 (LSB)



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Praying

And when you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men.

Truly I say to you,
they have their reward in full.

Matthew 6:5 (LSB)



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Praying

**But you, when you pray,
go into your inner room, and
when you have shut your door,
pray to your Father who is in secret, and
your Father who sees what is done in secret
will reward you.**

Matthew 6:6 (LSB)



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Fasting

**Now when you fast, do not put on a gloomy face
as the hypocrites do, for they neglect their
appearance so that they will be noticed by men
when they are fasting. Truly I say to you,
they have their reward in full.**

Matthew 6:16 (LSB)



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Fasting

But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face so that your fasting will not be noticed by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

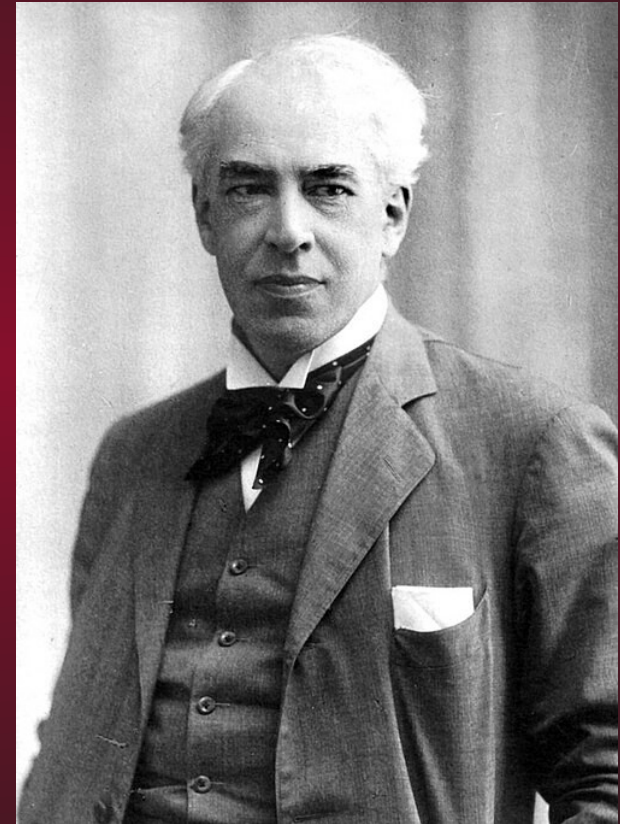
Matthew 6:17-18 (LSB)



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Final Thought

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One must love art, and
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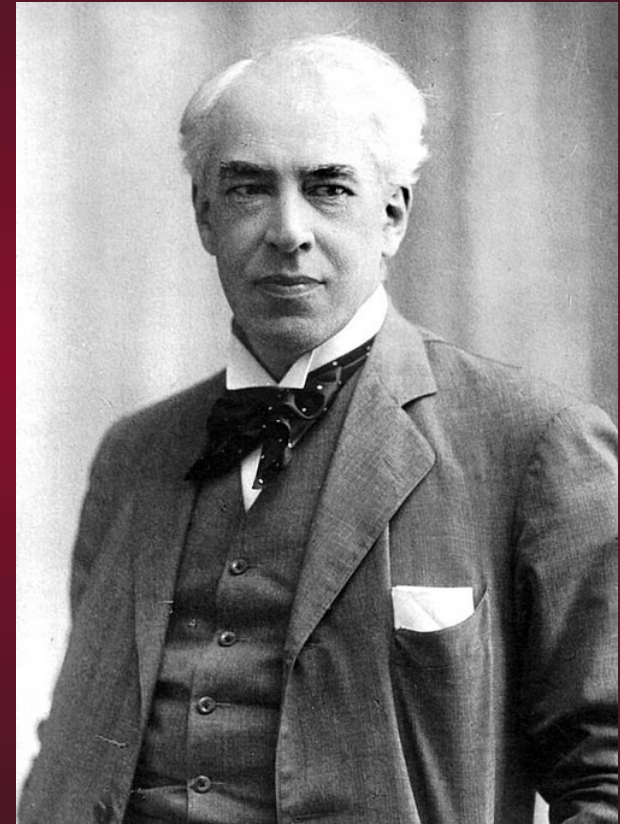


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**In God's Kingdom there is no
place for grandstanding.
One must love God and His
Kingdom, and not one's self
in Kingdom Service.**



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Next Week!

Agape
Bible
Study
Life

The Model Prayer

Matthew 6:7-15



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