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Preview

This is a study based on Matthew chapter 5, highlighting our duty to God and by extension to our fellow men. As creation, our duty is to glorify Yahweh the Creator and this involves us worshipping Him in truth and in spirit and as we do so and abide in His love, He works in us to bear fruits of righteousness. As we see Him to be God Alone, it follows that we present Him as God Alone to our fellow men.

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Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Some key words to consider in the above text are:

1. your light
2. shine
3. your good works (Col 1:10)
4. glorify your Father

1. The text says let **your light** shine. What is this light?

1 John 1:5 says ***this then is the message we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.***

The text is showing us that Yahweh is light. How then does this light which is Yahweh become my light? Let us look at

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Psalm 119:130.

The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

So I only have light when God dwells in my heart, through His word. Only when a person is justified by faith can they say that Yahweh is their light (Psalm 27:1).

It is important for us as creation to understand that we are not that light, but we are partakers of the light. Yahweh is that Light, and that is His Nature. We are creation and can in no way be the light. This light dwells in us when Yahweh counts it unto us.

A careful study of John 1:4-9 will help us to understand our position as creation. This chapter is talking about Jesus Christ who is the light of men. In verse 6, John the Baptist is introduced, and we are informed of his purpose. John was called to bear witness of the Light. The following verses (8 and 9) clearly show that John was merely a light bearer and not a light revealer. It is very important in our existence to understand that creation can never be that light; there is only One Light Revealer, whose nature as we found out earlier is Light, and this is Yahweh the Creator. In other words, what we must always bear in our mind is that God is God Alone and there is none else like him. Although we are justified and have His light (which is He himself) dwelling in our hearts, we can never claim to be equal with Him. To claim that one is a light revealer is to sin against God; it is to lose sight of our position as creation and it is to say that creation can be god with God and this is

the same deception that caused Lucifer, now called Satan (Rev 12:9) to fall (Isa.14:12-14).

Going back to our key words, we now look at one of the key words, number two in the above list. The question is how do I **shine** my light?

Having been justified by the faith of Jesus Christ and now become partakers of light, we do not hide that light (Matt 5:14-15). Instead, we let it shine. David in Psalm 40:10 explains that he has not hid the righteousness of Yahweh within his heart, but has declared it to the congregation. So it follows that as we understand Yahweh to be righteousness we show forth this righteousness (Proverbs 12:17). In other words as we see Yahweh to be righteousness, we present Him as righteousness. When we taste the goodness of Yahweh, it becomes our desire to share this truth (Psalm 34:8). In Isa 62, the prophet Isaiah states that he will not rest until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness (Isa.62:2-3). This is our very purpose for which we were created. We were called to be witnesses that God is God alone (Isa 43: 10-12).

The next key words to look at are **good works**. What are these **good works** that men may see? (Col 1: 10). Having been justified by faith, I become a new creation, I no longer live to fulfil the lust of the flesh, but the life I now live is according to that which is pleasing in the sight of Yahweh. As I grow more and more in the knowledge of Yahweh, I become sanctified by His truth in such a way that my whole way of life is changed. Daily I begin to view things according to faith; I also begin to deal with my

personality traits faults according to the faith. As Yahweh continues to impart His grace unto me, He works in me to will and to do of His good pleasure (Phil.2:13), 1Tim.6:18, Tit 2:7, Tit 2:14.

The good works that are manifest are the fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23). However, in order that I bear fruit, I must abide in Christ (John 15:4-5), for without Him, I cannot bear fruit. It is only as I continue to abide in the One who is Light, One who is Truth, and One who is Righteousness, that I can bear fruit. From the earlier part of the study, we were able to see that God is light, therefore, without the light in my heart, I cannot bear light and the same applies to good works, without the Spirit of God dwelling in my heart, I cannot show forth good works.

The last key point on our list was the word **glorify**. How do I glorify my Father in heaven? John 15:8 explains it nicely. We glorify Yahweh when we bear much fruit. As we abide in the truth and present the argument that God is God alone, we are glorifying God. All the good works that we can ever do are as a result of Yahweh working in us and as a result, the glory belongs unto Him. It also follows that anyone who is converted makes this point clear; that of their own they can do nothing good, but they point the focus to the One to whom honour and glory belong, and that is Yahweh Himself. To see God as God alone and to present Him this way is to be a faithful witness. A faithful witness will not seek to be glorified in any form of way, for were it not for the righteousness of God in our hearts, we could not bear light.