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Matthew 19

- 1 Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these sayings, that He departed from Galilee and came to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan.
- 2 And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there.
- 3 The Pharisees also came to Him, **testing Him**, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?"
- 4 And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,'
  - Genesis 1:27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."
  - Genesis 5:2 He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created.
- 5 "and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?
  - Genesis 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
- 6 "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."
- 7 They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?"
  - Deuteronomy 24:1 "When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleanness in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house,
- 8 He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.
- 9 "And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery."
- 10 His disciples said to Him, "If such is the case of the man with his wife, it is better not to marry."
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- 16 Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?"
- 17 So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."
- 18 He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,'
- 19 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"
  - Can there be any doubt which commandments He said to keep?
- 20 The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?"
- 21 Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

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- 22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.
- 23 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.
  - Not impossible – just hard

Matthew 22

- 23 The same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him,
- 24 saying: "Teacher, Moses said that if a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother.
  - Deuteronomy 25:5 "If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the widow of the dead man shall not be married to a stranger outside the family; her husband's brother shall go in to her, take her as his wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her."
- 25 "Now there were with us seven brothers. The first died after he had married, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother.
- 26 "Likewise the second also, and the third, even to the seventh.
- 27 "Last of all the woman died also.
- 28 "Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her."
- 29 Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.
- 30 "For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.
- 31 "But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying,
- 32 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."
  - Exodus 3:6 Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father-the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God."
  - Exodus 3:16 "Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, "I have surely visited you and seen what is done to you in Egypt;'"
  - Why does He say that He is the God of the living and not the dead?
  - The dead know nothing!! They are asleep until they become alive again at the resurrection
- 33 And when the multitudes heard this, they were astonished at His teaching.
- 34 But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.
- 35 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying,
- 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"
- 37 Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

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- Deuteronomy 6:5 "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength."
- Deuteronomy 10:12 "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,"
- Deuteronomy 30:6 "And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live."
- 38 "This is the first and great commandment.
- 39 "And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
  - Leviticus 19:18 'You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.'
- 40 "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 23

- 1 Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples,
- 2 saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat.
- 3 "Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do.
- 4 "For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.
- 5 "But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments.
  - Numbers 15:38 "Speak to the children of Israel: Tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue thread in the tassels of the corners."
  - Deuteronomy 6:8 "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes."
  - De 22:12 "You shall make tassels on the four corners of the clothing with which you cover yourself."
  - So – if you do decide to make tassels, make sure you are doing it for the right reason – to remind yourself – not to be seen of others
- 6 "They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues,
- 7 "greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi.'
- 8 "But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren.
- 9 "Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.
- 10 "And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ.
- 11 "But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant.
- 12 "And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

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- 13 "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.
- 14 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation.
- 15 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.
- 16 "Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obliged to perform it.'
- 17 "Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctifies the gold?
  - Exodus 30:29 "You shall consecrate them, that they may be most holy; whatever touches them must be holy."
- 18 "And, 'Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is obliged to perform it.'
- 19 "Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift?
  - Exodus 29:37 "Seven days you shall make atonement for the altar and sanctify it. And the altar shall be most holy. Whatever touches the altar must be holy."
- 20 "Therefore he who swears by the altar, swears by it and by all things on it.
- 21 "He who swears by the temple, swears by it and by Him who dwells in it.
- 22 "And he who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by Him who sits on it.
- 23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.
  - They should obey the Law
  - They were putting more emphasis on the oral tradition than the written Law
- 24 "Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!
  - The Jewish leaders had taken the simplicity of the written Law and made it burdensome

Mark 7

- 1 Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem.
- 2 Now when they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault.
- 3 For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders.
  - Again – the oral traditions – instead of the Law

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- 4 When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold, like the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches.
- 5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?"
- 6 He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.'
  - They were going through the motions and saying "the right thing"
  - Their attitude was all wrong
- 7 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'
- 8 "For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men--the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do."
  - Again – the oral traditions
- 9 He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.
- 10 "For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.'
- 11 "But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban"-' (that is, a gift to God),
- 12 "then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother,
- 13 "making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."
  - The oral traditions overrode the written Law – actually changing its intent
- 14 When He had called all the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear Me, everyone, and understand:
- 15 "There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man.
  - A person's attitude defiles him
- 16 "If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!"
- 17 When He had entered a house away from the crowd, His disciples asked Him concerning the parable.
- 18 So He said to them, "Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him,
- 19 "because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?"
  - "purifying" = 2511 = purging
  - "thus purifying all foods" is not included in all manuscripts
- 20 And He said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man.
- 21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,
- 22 "thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.
- 23 "All these evil things come from within and defile a man."
  - Jesus clarified what he meant
  - He was not talking at all about clean and unclean foods