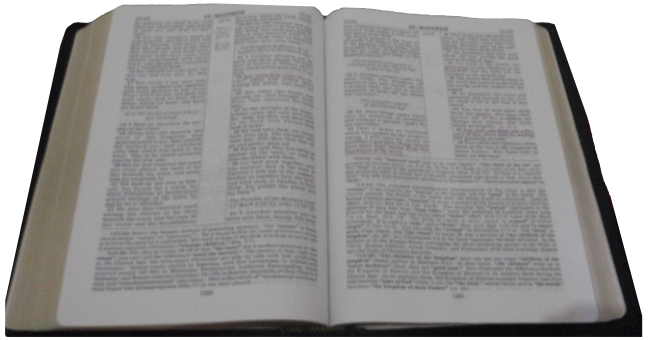
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A Bible Believers Commentary on

Matthew
15

Comparing spiritual things with spiritual

The entrance of thy words giveth light
Ps. 119:130

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Mt. 15

- Context this is the earthly life of Christ.

- He is talking to the Jews, the Scribes and Pharisees are out to get him.

- He just got done explaining the parables in **Mt. 13**

- Matthews gospel is the King of the Jews.

- There are 4 gospels and they all deal with the same man but not the same events.

- When you read Matthew you are reading about the King of the Jews.

- Mark you are reading about Christ as a servant.

- Luke you are reading about the son of man as he is dealing with gentiles.

- John you are dealing with the son of God.

- There are a difference in emphasis.

- They don’t contradict they compliment each other.

- For this reason Matthew is one of the most dangerous books in the Bible.

- Matthew is presenting a Jewish king to the Jews as the king of the Jews.

- It has a Hebrew emphasis to it that you don’t find in the other books.

- This is what you need to remember in Matthew.

There are 3 dangerous books in the Bible that will mess up a religious person, they are.

- Matthew, Acts, Hebrews.

- When ever a heretic is going to teach, he teaches out of those three books.

- 7 Day Adventist & Jw's - **Mt. 24**

- Cambelites & Charismatics - **Acts 2:38**

- Mormons - Hebrews.

- The reason these books are so hard to understand

- There is no New Testament (NT) until Christ dies on the cross.

- Heb. 9:16-17

1- There is no NT until Christ says it is finished.

- Mt. 1:1- 27:50 is all OT.

- The NT is not in force until Christ dies.

2- The next thing is at the last supper Christ said this is the NT in my blood.

- Mt. 26:28

- So the NT is instituted in **Mt. 26**

- Its in force in **Mt. 27:50**

- The dying thief dies under the NT.

- Christ dies first that's why they broke the 2 legs of the thieves.

- Jh. 19:30-34

- So when you read **Mt. 1** in the NT, you are reading about a collection of books that tell about the institution of the NT.

- Everybody in from **Mt. 1:1 to Mt. 27:50** is in the OT.

- The men who die in **Mt. 1:1 -27:49** die and go to Abrahams bosom not heaven.

- They don't have a completed atonement.

- This is why its so hard to teach doctrine out of Matthew.

- You have to be careful because the Hypers say their all OT and don't apply to us. (Hyperdispensationalist)

- 1Tim. 6:3-4

- The words of Christ are in Mt., Mk. Lk and Jh.

- If a man don't go by them he is proud, knowing nothing.

- There are wholesome words in Mt. Mk Lk. & Jh. and they can teach you something.

- But you have to be careful.

- When you get to Acts your in more trouble

- When you get to Acts the Lord has risen from the dead physically not spiritually.

- The Holy Spirit comes down in **Acts 2.**

- God feeds you and you feed them and they feed others.

- 2Tim. 2:2

- If you don't feed them they can't feed others.

- There are many shepherds today who have forgotten what their calling was.

- Feed my sheep

- Your calling is not to build a big work

- Christ didn't say Peter if you love me build a big church, or be this famous soul winner.

- He said- Feed my sheep

- Your not going to feed anybody if you don't feed yourself.

- When you feed the flock they can always reach more and do more than you can do.

15:37- And they did all eat, and were filled.

- The Lord always has enough

15:37- And they took up 7 baskets full.

- The Lord doesn't waste anything.

15:38- A lot of people ate off of 7 loaves and a few fishes.

- People that don't believe the Bible say the people had bread hidden in their robes.

- So when they sat down everybody took out their own bread. that is a lie.

15:35- And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground

- Before the Lord can help, you need to stop and sit down

- Num. 9:8

- 1Sam. 9:27

- Today people are in to big of a hurry they won't take time to stop and listen to God.

15:36- The Lord has to take what you have to feed the multitude with.

15:36- ...And brake them

- The Lord will brake you in order to use you.

- Jud. 7:1-21

- The light couldn't shine out until the pitchers were broken.

15:36- Before the Lord feeds them they give thanks,

- He gave to the disciples 1st then the multitude 2nd

- So somewhere there are thousands of people that are waiting to be fed.

- And God is waiting for you to fed them.

- You can't feed them until you feed yourself

- Jh. 21:15-17- Feed my sheep

- 1Pet. 5:1-3

- Peter said the job of a pastor is to feed the flock.

- In **Acts 2** nobody knows there has been any change made.

- How do we know that?

- Because in **Acts 10:12-14** God tells Peter to eat unclean animals and Peter refuses.

- He is still living by the law.

- God said what God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

- In **Acts 10** Peter didn't know you could eat bacon.

- In **Acts 2** nobody knows your saved by grace through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ.

- Peter tells them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

- That's John's water baptism.

- There is nothing there about the death, burial and resurrection.

- Nothing there about faith.

- If a person today repents and gets baptized in the name of Jesus will die and go to hell.

- In the book of Hebrews it gets worse.

- Heb. 3:14- We are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end

- The end of what?- The end of Daniels 70th week or what is called the tribulation.

- Heb. 6:4-6

- Heb. 10:26

- How many times have you willingly sinned since you got saved?

- If your going to live by Hebrews your going to hell because there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.

- That's why these 3 books are so dangerous.

- What you need to remember when reading your Bible.

- When you in Matthew your going from the OT to NT.

- Acts- Israel to the Church

- Heb.- Church age to the Tribulation

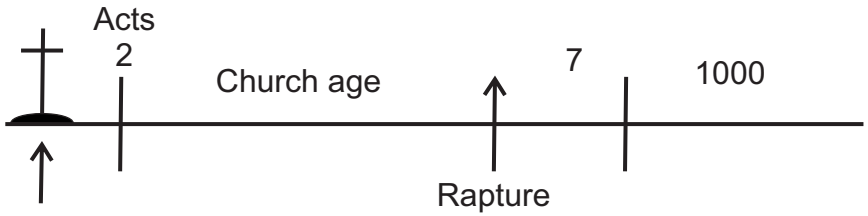
- Nothing is set in these books.

- The only line you can draw is when the NT begins.

- At the death of Christ.

- In **Lk. 16:16** the law ends but it takes years for it to be complete.

- In **Acts 19** their still living by the law, disciples of John the baptist and Apollos.



At Calvary the NT begins.

Acts 2 the Holy Spirit comes down.

The rapture of the Church at the end of the Church age.

- And he used **Ps. 2** as proof for going.

- Ps. 2:8- Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

- Many of the OT scriptures can be of great comfort.

15:30- He heals all of them no fakes, no release your faith.

- These are also types of Christians.

- Lame Christians - they can't walk anywhere for the Lord.

- Blind Christians - They can't see the Bible.

- Dumb Christians - This means Christians that can't hear.

- Maimed Christians- Their crippled their handicapped spiritually.

- The cure for this is to get down at Jesus feet for a while like Mary does in Luke.

- Lk. 10:39

15:31- Mt. 5:16- Let you light so shine before men...

15:32-36- The spiritual lesson is this

15:32- The Lord has compassion on the multitude.

- The Lord feels sorry for the condition your in.

- The Lord wants to help them and he uses men to do it.

15:36- He used his disciples.

- She said your right Lord “Yet”

- Now she's going to get Jesus

15:27- The Pharisees never could tangle him in his talk but this woman did - How?

- She was honest, she was coming to the Lord from the heart.

15:27- Yet the dogs

- She is saying I am a dog.

15:27- ...Eat the crumbs which fall from their masters table.

- She got to Jesus and she also messed up the dispensational system.

- Jesus is not supposed to be messing with Gentiles in his earthly ministry.

- You can learn a lot about prayer and fellowship through this woman.

- Don’t let your dispensationalism kill a blessing for you.

- Some of the greatest blessing you get is out of the Psalms and according to the dispensationist there is nothing in Psalms for the Christian.

- John Patton missionary to the New Hebrides claimed **Ps. 2**

- The natives were cannibals and eating each other and he lead the whole island to Christ

- The rule for a Christian is

- Anything that doesn’t contradict what Paul wrote you can apply to a Christian.

- You can apply any book of the Bible , Psalms, Proverbs etc. as long as it don’t contradict the Pauline epistles.

- If it contradicts then it don’t belong to us, apply it some where else.

- You have to learn your Bible to know how to rightly divide the scriptures.

- 2Tim. 2:15

- The King James Bible is the greatest book in the world, you should have it memorized.

- You should know it better than anything in the world.

15:1- Scribes

- The word is taken from scripture

- Somebody who is in charge of writing.

15:1- Pharisees

- They are orthodox, and fundamentalist.

15:2- The guy set down to eat and he didn’t wash his hands.

- They look at that as a terrible sin.

- You have heard the saying “cleanliness is next to Godliness”

- That saying isn’t in the Bible.

15:3- He didn't answer them.

15:4- In the OT there is capital punishment for cursing your mother or father.

- Ex. 21:17

- Lev. 20:9

- Deu. 27:16

15:5- But ye say

- This is their tradition

15:5- Gift

- That is a gift given to God for God's work.

- Mk. 7:1-13- Corban

- The gift of Corban accrued when the first born did not want to bear the financial burden for the care of his elderly parents.

- He would give the savings of his parents to the Priest at the Temple.

- The Priest would bless the gift and the firstborn would say he had no money to bear the financial burden of his aged parents.

- When his parents died, the first born would get the inheritance from the Priest for a fee of holding the gift.

15:6- Mk. 7:3-12

- The idea is you are supposed to love God so its ok to give it to the Priest and not take care of your parents.

- 15:22- She says O Lord- She knows he is the Lord.

- 15:22- Son of David- She recognizes he is the Messiah.

- She come reverently and comes in belief and ask help for her daughter and gets nothing from the Lord.

15:23- Their walking down the road and she is behind them.

- Pleas help me, have mercy

- She is following them crying

- What the disciples are saying: answer her prayer so she goes home and leaves us alone.

15:24- Jesus is saying I am not going to answer her prayer she is a gentile.

- She's not a Jew- that's racial discrimination

- I've come to preach to Jews if your not a Jew you can't get in on it.

- This is the Lord.

15:25- She is worshiping him asking for help.

15:26- And Jesus says it's not meet to take the children's bread and give it to the dogs.

- Jesus is calling this black women a dog

- Now look what she says

15:27- She said truth Lord

- She took her place a servant of servants.

- Hyper-dispensationalist say:

- All your sins are taken care of at Calvary so you don't have to confess them.

- Your sin may be taken care of a Calvary, that is your soul not your body, flesh.

- Your body was not born again, its going to die and the worms are going to get it.

- That body get defiled.

- You need to confess those sins, they put stress on your body.

15:20- But to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

- Not washing your hands is not going to affect you morally or spiritually.

15:21- Tyre and Sidon

- That is north Palestine

- It is north of the sea of Galilee on the Coast.

15:22- ...A woman of Canaan

- Mk. 7:26- A Greek
- A Syrophenician by nation but a Canaanite by race.

- She is a Syrian Hamite, she is colored

15:22- She is asking for help from the Lord.

15:23- He answered her not a word.

- NO its not- He should be taking care of his parents.

- Pharisees and Sadducees were big on standards and forms so everything looks perfect on the outside but the inside looks like a trash heap.

- The Lord cares more about the inside (spiritual) than he does the outside, physical.

- Clean your inside up and the outside will follow.

15:7-9- This is a good passage in dealing with Roman Catholics

15:3,9- very good verses on tradition

- Because they do worship the Lord in vain.

- They do teach for doctrine the commandments of men.

- They do transgress the commandment of God by their tradition.

- This passage is a description of a Roman Catholic.

15:10- Context Christ is talking to the Pharisees who are his enemies.

- They have been arguing about different things and he just called their hand on tradition.

- Christ warned them they are worshiping God after tradition of men and not after the commandments of God.

- When he finishes talking to the Pharisees he turns to the multitudes.

- The Pharisees are still right there and can hear everything that is being said.

- Mt. 15:12

15:10- ...Hear and understand:

- You need to hear but you need to understand what you hear.

15:11- The idea is even though there are certain things bad for your body nothing is as bad on the outside as it is on the inside.

- You think this truth would be apparent.

- When a nation goes corrupt ti is always from the inside first.

- This can be applied to nations, families.

- Families can go through a lot but when mom and dad start fighting then its over.

- The body is the same way outward sins kill the body but spiritual sins are much worse on the inside of the body.

15:11- What you eat doesn't defile you but what you say, that can defile you.

- The reason why your defiled by what you say is **15:18**

- Mt. 15:18- What you say comes from inside.

- The defilement isn't because you say it.

- The defilement is because its in your heart, and you say it because it in you heart.

- Mt. 12:34

- When you think about killing someone its wrong.

- No Christian should think a about killing.

15:19- Adulteries

- Thinking about somebodies wife not your own wife.

15:19- Fornications

- Any kind of illicit sex

15:19- Thefts- stealing

15:19- False witness

- You plan what your going to say to get out of trouble.

- It isn't right, you plan to miss lead someone.

- Aren't you glad the Lord doesn't let people see your thoughts.

- People talk about the goodness of man, men are hypocrites.

15:19- Blasphemies

- Saying something against God.

- Blaspheming God is to falsely accuse him.

15:20- Verse **19** you need to confess those things.

- if you want to stay clean you have to judge those things and confess them.

- In life every issue depends on the heart.

- The issues of life are from the heart.

- What are the issues?

- Death, marriage, disease, separation, poverty, divorce, income, wars, economic, political issues, domestic issues.

- Where do these come from the “Heart”

- Jam. 4:1-4

- James is saying the big issues are settled in your heart.

15:19- Evil thoughts- Everyone has them.

- You have bad thoughts

- You even have bad thoughts as you pray.

- 2Tim. 2:3- Endure hardness

- When Satan puts this stuff in your mind plead the blood of Christ and go on endure it as a good soldier of Christ.

15:19- Murders

- A man is a killer before he kills.

- A thief is not a thief because he steals he steals because he is a thief.

- Before a man ever steals he makes plans to steal when he plans that’s when he is a thief.

- Murder is planning to kill someone.

- You take people who say “hell” or “damn” a lot its because their going to hell and their damned.

- Their condemned in their heart that’s why it keeps coming out of their mouth.

15:12- This is strange why would the Pharisees get offended at that?

- Unless their outside looks clean and their inside is rotten.

- In **Mt. 23** you will see why the Pharisees were so worried about the inside and outside.

- Mt. 23:25-28

- It does no good to clean the outside if the inside isn’t cleaned.

- Notice all the “within” and “outward” or “outside”

- A preacher once said “the Lord don’t care what you do, you can do anything you want”

- The Lord just wants to know why you did what you did.

- A man smokes okay why do you smoke?

- Drugs, Drink, Sex- why?

15:13- What a way to answer someone.- no apology

- The Pharisees are upset with Christ and he basically said leave them alone their going to hell.

- 15:14- Let them alone: they be blind leaders fo the blind.

- The way Jesus talked to religious leaders it’s a wonder they didn’t crucify him before they did.

- These are the religious leaders of that nation.

- Christ has no respect for lost religious leaders.

- These Pharisees of Christ day are equal to the NCC the National Council of Churches today.

15:15- Peter said declare unto us this parable.

- This time it wasn't a parable it was literal.

- People are always getting it backwards.

- Mt. 16:6-12

- This time they take him literal and he wasn't literal.

- That is the problem, when is he talking literal and when is he not?

- Christ is talking literal in **Mt. 15** and they think he is talking spiritually.

- He is talking spiritually in **Mt. 16** and they thin it literal.

- Basically this is the difference between a Roman Catholic going to hell and a Bible believer going to heaven.

- A Catholic believes when Christ takes up the cup and says take ye all of it for this is my blood of the NT,

- That he is being literal and he is not.

- How do we know its not literal?

- Because he said take this cup and drink all of it.

- It can't be literal because the cup isn't blood, its figurative.

- He said this cup is my blood, no it's not: its metal.

- If it was literal we would try to eat the cup.

- You have to pray going through these passages.

15:17- This is your excretory system.

- Everything you eat goes through you.

15:18- ...Come forth from the heart:

- Most stuff you eat won't harm you.

- If you eat poison it will kill you but it won't defile you.

- Defilement is moral impurity, it's sin and iniquity.

- Defilement is not being dirty from dirt.

- The Pharisees thought defilement is touching something wrong or handling something wrong.

- To them if a man doesn't clean or wash he is defiled, he is dirty physically.

- Christ is pointing out a man is defiled when he is dirty inside.

15:18- ..And they defile the man.

- So if the things that come from the heart defile a man then a man is going to have more trouble from his heart then anything else.

- Pr. 4:23- Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life.