

## **Bible Study, Matthew, Week 9**

### **Day: 1**

*Read: Matthew 21: 28-32*

1. Think about your life and ask yourself whether you sometimes act like the first son. Try and think of an example of where we act like that.
2. Now ask yourself if you do not act like the second son very often? Can you give an example where we act like this?
3. Do you think “religion” sometimes gets into the way of people obeying God?
4. Can you name an example?
5. What does this study of today say to you personally?

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### **Day: 2**

*Read: Matthew 22: 1-14*

1. In Jesus’ time many heard the message, but many did not accept it. (They were invited to the wedding, but did not accept.)
2. It is exceptional grace that we, who are not Jews, are able to believe in Jesus. (The people invited from the street.)
3. We have to accept this invitation and believe in the gospel. (We have to enter into the wedding banquet.)
4. The invitation comes with a challenge; those who wanted to come to the banquet had to wear the proper clothes. If we accept the invitation of the gospel our life has to show it. We have to bear the fruit of our faith.

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### **Day: 3**

*Read: Matthew 22: 15-22*

1. The image of the Caesar was on the coin so it was something that had to be paid to him.
2. The image of God is on us, so there is something we have to give God. We belong to God so all we have and all we do has to belong to God. Do you think we always live life like that?
3. Do you think we have to act as representatives of God?
4. Do you think this privilege comes with responsibilities?
5. Do you think we have to show some of God’s love to our neighbors?
6. Do you think people have to be able to see the image of God in us?
7. Do you think our life can play a role in how people perceive Christianity?
8. Do you think it is possible to convert people simply by the example of our life?

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## **Day: 4**

*Read: Matthew 22: 23-33*

1. Jesus mentions a few things about life after death here; There IS life after death, those who die on earth will be resurrected, relationships in this life after death will not necessarily work the same as on earth.
2. Do you agree that we find it difficult to understand?
3. We can only accept God as the almighty God in all humility, even though we cannot understand it.
4. After our life here on earth we WILL be with God.
5. Everyone that believes in Jesus will receive everlasting life.
6. All we have to do is believe and accept the gospel.

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## **Day: 5**

*Read: Matthew 22: 34-40*

1. Do you also sometimes feel as if our religion has turned into a negative approach of what we should NOT do?
2. Do you think this is what makes our faith a negative experience to some?
3. In contrast to that, Jesus gives us a positive message in this part that we have read.
4. Here it is not about what we should NOT do, but what we SHOULD do.
5. Do you agree, if we stick to these commandments that we SHOULD do, all the negative things that we should not do is taken care of?
6. I feel this makes keeping the commandments a positive experience as we concentrate on the LOVE aspect, do you agree?
7. If we always act in love for God and in love for others, we keep all the commandments without even thinking about it!

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## **Day: 6**

*Read: Matthew 22: 41-45*

1. The Jews expected an earthly “Messiah” to free them from the Romans. Jesus puts it right by referring them to Psalm 101: 1.
2. What are the two things that that come out of this? Is it that the Messiah is the “Son” of David but also his Mater?
3. The Messiah’s throne is not in Jerusalem , but on the right hand of His Heavenly Father!
4. Jesus is the Messiah that came to free you and me from our sins!
5. He is ruling from His powerbase at the tight hand side of God.
6. He saves us and He leads and protects us.
7. So we always appreciate it enough?

8. Do you really “feel” it every day?

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**Day: 7**

*Read: Matthew 23: 13-28*

1. The Pharisees were so busy keeping the outward signs of the law; they were perishing on the inside.
2. They were keeping the Law of Moses to very last letter, but they completely left out the principle, the relationship and the attitude.
3. Do you think it is possible that many of us are doing the same?
4. Do you think we are so busy doing the “right” thing that we neglect our relationship with God?
5. Do we always realize that things like justice, charity, reliability and love are more important?
6. We have to be “clean” from the inside and then our life will show it, we will be “clean on the outside as well.

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