

## The Jewish King's Message

### Matthew 5:1-16

Up to this point in Matthew, Matthew has showed us this promised King of Kings to the Jews, and has showed us the Kingly heritage, the Kingly birth, the honor and gifts brought to the King during his childhood.

We saw the Kings forerunner, who came to prepare His way, that being John the Baptist...

Then Matthew told us about This King's baptism, and the Father in heaven confirming Jesus as the Messiah,

And then the King was tried and tested in the wilderness, and His ministry proven by coming out victorious against that ancient serpent Satan.

Afterward we saw the King made His headquarters in Capernaum.

Then He started preaching **“repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand,”**

And then we saw this chosen King choose His disciples.

Then last time we ended with these verses in....

Matt 4:23-25

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. 24 Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them. 25 Great multitudes followed Him — from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

So now Jesus' ministry has become established, He is now drawing multitudes of people in.

And it says He is preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom.

What is this Gospel? And what is this Kingdom?

Well Jesus is going to give us this gospel of the Kingdom in the next couple chapters as we are about to hear His first sermon.

The Kingdom is thought to be the Kingdom Age when Christ will come and rule with a Rod of Iron.

And this Gospel that He is about to preach is thought of to be the Law of that Kingdom.

They are Laws to be lived by in the Kingdom when Jesus rules after the Great Tribulation.

But the thing is, now in this dispensation we are representation of this Kingdom of God here on earth.

The Kingdom is working through us as believers.

So in turn these things Jesus teaches should be our earnest desire, as it is our job to advance this Kingdom in this fallen world.

Some Christians believe all we need is this Sermon on the Mount; we do not need to teach anything else.

But as we will see it is not a gospel to salvation as the rest of the New Testament teaches.

There is no blood sacrifice, no atonement, no resurrection to life, no New life. Just a Law given for the Kingdom Citizens.

And as we will see especially here in Matthew's Gospel to his brethren, the Jews, it is a fulfillment to God's Old Testament laws.

That Old Law will be completed in Jesus.... And only through Jesus can we even begin to live up to these standards.

These teachings are what this lost world should see in a believer.

We will only get through part of Chapter 5 this morning. It looks like we will be spending some time in the greatest sermon ever taught.

So the first part is what many call the....

**Beatitudes**- supreme blessedness; exalted happiness.

Jesus will teach on how to have a blessed or happy life here on earth, and as we will see it is opposite what would be considered normal.

Let's read the first 16 verses of Matthew 5 together.

1 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

Important to note here, Jesus saw the multitudes. And then He has His disciples come to Himself to teach them.

This teaching was not for the multitudes. It is for Jesus' disciples.

Sometimes we Christians think the world should live according to this sermon.

But that would be impossible apart from the Gospel of Salvation, and the Sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit in a believer.

And Jesus gives us a clue here, our eyes are to be on the multitudes, and we are to live a certain way to reach the multitudes.

We will see all through Matthew Jesus had compassion on the people; He healed them, taught them, and tried to restore them to God.

So here begins His famous discourse

2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the poor in Spirit..... What does this mean?

A great example of being poor in spirit is found in Isaiah, it shows when we see God for who He truly is, we should see ourselves for who we truly are.

Isa 6:1-5 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"

4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone!"

Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts."

When we truly see ourselves for who we are and the enormity of our sinfulness in the light of a perfect all powerful God, we become poor in spirit.

It is hard to see God with a proud and haughty spirit.

We have to see ourselves for who we are, and our righteousness for what it is, in light of scripture.

Isa 64:6 But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

We hear sometimes those people from Trumpet Blast ministries, they do something for the Lord, and they blast it all over the place, "what righteousness I have; look at my selfless deeds." "let me tell you of my noble acts."

You know they just exhaust you with talk of themselves.

But truth be told... Our good works, done of our own power are as filthy rags to God.

So you can already see how Jesus takes this world's philosophies and reverses them?

We live in a culture with self esteem issues, we say “live confidently, live like you have achieved, and you will.

Be proud of who you are, look in the mirror every morning and tell yourself you are the greatest”

However, The Word of God reveals you really are, we are poor and hopeless on our own, but we hold our head up, because ours is the Kingdom!

See yourself for who you truly are in the light of Almighty God, and you will have a lot to look forward to.

When we are poor, weary, and heavy laden our need for God is obvious.

We see Him so much more clearly in that poor state, we rely on Him so much more.

I was remembering this week, when Jess and I first surrendered our lives to the Lord, we were very poor in spirit, and poor materially.

We had just come out of a life of addictions that took everything we had.

And in those early days and even to this day Jess has such great faith in her Savior.

At that time we had not a lot going for us, we were renting a fully furnished tiny apartment she had a little

Chevy Caviler that I would cram all my tools in everyday, ladders and all.

Well shortly after we surrendered our lives to the Lord, the only car we had, broke down, the engine blew up.

How many of you know when you give your life over to the Lord, your faith is going to be tested?

Well my new faith was tested; I asked the Lord, how could You do this? We just gave our lives over to You; if this is Christianity I want none of it.

Kind of like a little toddler throwing a tantrum when they don't get their way.

Well the Lord had given us our first Christian friends, Daniel and Ingrid, they came over, and my wife and those new friends just settled me down, and we prayed.

I had nothing, no money to fix this car, no way to get to work, I looked to myself always to fix my problems, but I was at a point, where myself had nothing.

I burned all my bridges, so no one to turn too, and this was hard for me, I was very poor in spirit and in the pocket book, but we looked to God.

I called my father and let him know what was going on, he prayed with me.

The next day I bummed a ride to work.

Well that day, my dad calls, he says “son, you will never guess what happened, some guy just came into my office out of nowhere, he said the city of San Dimas is auctioning off trucks, and wanted to know if I knew anyone needing a truck, he said I am going to head down there and see if any are left, the guy said they go fast, and it’s already been a week.”

Well they got there, and one truck was sitting there, all the rest sold right away, this one sat for a week, for me.

My dad bid on the truck, and I was able to get it for next to nothing.... We were the only bid on a nice work truck with tool boxes on it and everything.

My dad drove it out to me that Friday; He let me make payments to him to pay him back.

But this is the cool thing, I had a pickup truck now, I could now carry a generator and air compressor, I could now run a crew. So I was promoted. I was framing at this time.

I was able to pay my father back quickly... And me and Jess began our climb out of the hole we were in slowly, because in our poor spiritual state, God got the glory for every increase!

So you see if I had any ability or any stability at the time, if Gary had anything going for himself, if my life

wasn't broken and poor, I would have fixed Jess' car, and never would have seen this great blessing that only God could get the glory from.

I was now making more money, than before, and God used a great trial, and turned it into a great blessing.

That truck is still driving to this day, it is at my mother-in-laws! When I see it, it just reminds me how faithful God is.

Me and Jess learned a lot of great lessons from this state of being poor in spirit and totally dependent on God.

So this morning maybe you are going through some heavy trials, you are carrying burdens so great, well look at the first line of this King's first sermon,

**Matt 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit,**

**For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

You are blessed, yours is the Kingdom of Heaven, these trials and heartaches just remind us this is not our home.

You are poor, you are out of ideas, you are at the end of yourself this morning, well that's not a bad place to be...

You are completely and hopelessly dependent on the Creator of the Universe, now that's a good place to be.

There is a new Kingdom here now. And we look ahead past the trials of this life.

Look at what is next.....

4 Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are those who mourn.... What does this mean?

Well when we see our sinful nature, against God's perfect requirements, it should make us mourn over our sins.

I remember the first time I was faced with this reality...

Don-My dope dealer, who was actually a friend of mine...

Going to Don's Mom's funeral to score dope.

Realizing how low I had sunk, lying to Jess, who loved me so dearly.

How did I become this person? I separated myself from everyone I loved, and blamed them. I lived so selfishly, maliciously, disgustingly, and I couldn't believe I was doing the things I was doing.

I realized I needed a Savior, I could not do this on my own, I was a horrible person, my sin appalled me and I needed help.

And guess what? I was comforted as I mourned over the person I was, because there was an Advocate,

Jesus Christ the Righteous, who died for those sins, and wanted to help me.

So if you are here this morning, and you are just appalled by your sin, and you are mourning over them, there is a Savior ready to comfort you, and heal your life.

Stop living with the filth of your sins, let Jesus cleanse you.

Look at verse 5...

5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.

Again Jesus preaching the opposite of what this world says.

This world says to take yours, live for yourself, assert your position above everyone. Lie, cheat, and steal to get what you want.

But not so in our Kingdom, we are to be meek.

Meek patient, long-suffering, or submissive in disposition or nature; Humble

This world says to be proud, Jesus says to be Meek.

If you are poor in spirit, mourning over your sin, then you will be humble.

The meek surely haven't inherited the earth in this life, but Jesus says in His Kingdom they will.

Look how Jesus describes Himself as our example ....  
Matt 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Jesus was Meek.

He was an innocent man, and He allowed Himself to be beat, and tortured, for our mistakes.

This was All-powerful Almighty God, who has restrained His own power, and held back His own might to go to the cross.

You see meekness does not mean weakness, in fact, it is the opposite; it takes a lot of power and self-control to be meek.

Jesus is our example, we need to not justify ourselves, lash out at those who attack us, but we continue to love fearlessly, and do for those who are ungrateful.

It is what we are called to do.

We will see in a few studies from now that this love that stems off a meek life is even for our enemies.

Remember Jesus is looking out at the multitudes, telling the disciples how they will live to reach them.

Now in verse 6 we read...

**6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.**

That day you turn from your sins, and truly realize who you are, and you seek God's Righteousness, He will fill you.

If we are in His Kingdom, truly understanding the enormity of our sins, living humbly, and desiring to live like Jesus, we will hunger and thirst for His righteousness.

And He says if you hunger and thirst for His righteousness He will fill you.

When I worked in Havasu, it got hot on the Job site, and in 120-degree heat you get thirsty.

And some days I would drink like 3 to 4 gallons a day, but sometimes you get going, and that sun is beating on you and you don't have time to get a drink, after a while your body starts to do funny things, and it lets you know if you don't get a drink you are in trouble, and when you drink that cold water your body just rejoices as you feel it go down.

When you are a believer, and you are away from Christ, you are not abiding in the Vine, you get pretty dry in your walk.

Your soul is saying I need Jesus, I need to be in fellowship, I need to be serving the Lord, I need His righteousness, and if you are not filled with Him soon, it seems your life will just fall to pieces.

So you come back, maybe to church, or you turn to your Word, or you call a Christian brother or sister to pray for you, and it is refreshing, and nothing is better than being reminded that Jesus filling you with His righteousness is the only way to live.

Like I said the day I realized who I was, when I was at my lowest, I cried out because of my sin, Christ forgave me, and since that day I have hungered and thirsted after His Righteousness, only He can satisfy that great thirst.

Like Jesus explained to the woman at the well in....

**John 4:13-14 Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."**

And how Jesus proclaims in **Rev 21:6....."It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.**

And if you are here this morning, and you have searched, and journeyed through this life for something to help that unquenchable feeling in your soul.

I will boldly say the answer is found at the Cross of Christ.

It is only when you are depleted of yourself can you clearly see the Truth.

I pray this morning your journey is over, I pray your thirst is finally quenched, I pray you drink of this Living Water that He freely offers to all; that your life may become **fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.**

Look at the next verse with me...

**7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.**

We will obtain mercy from God, if we show mercy.

**Heb 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

How can we cry out for mercy, which is not getting what we deserve, if we are not willing to show it?

We live in a society that is merciless when it comes to others; we do whatever we can to look out for our self interest.

We don't just get even, we get more.

But not so in our Kingdom, we show mercy.

Always side with Grace and Mercy towards people...  
don't get even with people...

These are hard requirements of the Kingdom so far, but things will get harder.

And Jesus knows this; He knows these things are difficult, and maybe impossible to live out ourselves.

He is allowing us to realize we cannot live up to these Kingdom Laws; we need His righteousness to even come close to living this way.

Rom. 3:19-20 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount should lead right to the realization that we need a Helper earnestly.

Look at verse 8

**8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.**

The pure in heart will see God.

How does our heart become pure?

The only way to have a pure heart is to continually let Jesus cleanse it.

Our purity only comes through us turning from our sins, putting our faith in Jesus Christ, and trusting that His blood has cleansed us from all unrighteousness.

We will only see God by our faith in something we cannot do, a perfect blood sacrifice on our behalf.

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

So if you are having trouble seeing God, put your faith in Jesus this morning, and let Him give you a pure heart.

The Way is simple...

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let's read the next verse in Matthew together...

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are the peacemakers.

We will be called sons of God as we bring people to the Knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Peace between man and God can only be achieved through what Jesus did on the cross for our sins.

Rom 5:1-2 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

As we live humbly, knowing who we are in light of our King, and we walk in meekness, with a pure heart, our responsibility will be to bring others into this relationship with the King.

As Jesus is looking at these multitudes, He is telling His disciples you will be the peacemakers that bring this world into a relationship with God, through my sacrifice.

This is our call today...

Jesus goes on to say in...

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Only twice does Jesus say something is theirs now, the rest say "shall" be theirs, but twice He says it is theirs.

The poor in spirit and here the persecuted the Kingdom is theirs.

These are things hard to grasp.

But as you live in this new Kingdom, as Jesus changes your life from the inside out, as you walk humbly among the kingdom of darkness, as you mourn over your sin, and are meek, and pure, and hungering for righteousness, people will not like you.

And sometimes it is a hard thing to deal with at first.

As Jesus changes your outlook on life, the people around you will recognize it, and they will try instantly to get you back to the path of the wicked, and tempting you offering you things.

Then over time, as they see you are serious, you are not going to change, you are staying in the Kingdom of God, they will turn on you.

You will be hated for your new life, rejected, and persecuted.

Jesus ends the part we call the beatitudes and hits on that last point one more time.

11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is not a natural emotion for us, to rejoice.

But it seems Jesus is pointing us to a future with Him, and is telling us hold on to this hope, even in this darkness we live in now.

Just live by our Kingdom's rules, hunger and thirst for righteousness here in this life, and you will be persecuted but it will be worth it when we enter into Glory.

These things are hard to keep in perspective as we live in a dark world, among the multitudes, we will get weary, and sometimes lost and confused, but Jesus says the blessings shall be ours.

Hold onto this as the pressure comes, as persecution comes. Trust that one day it will all be worth it.

Job-site – Eating Lunch alone..... Being laughed at, and knowing I just might be able to beat them up; I had to bite my tongue, and be meek.

I was a new creation. And you know after a while, I realized, man I spent a lot of my life being a rebel, and now in this new Kingdom I was a rebel against society, it was kind of intriguing to me that kindness, and humility could attract so much rage and hatred.

Lupee D- skeptical at first about my changed life- then finally after a while of testing and trials, he called me a Jesus Freak in a demeaning way...

Finally! I rejoiced, an overwhelming Joy came over me, because I knew that they were now identifying me with the Kingdom of Heaven. But it came with persecution.

I remember when our churches new secretary Cynthia was a youth leader in our old youth group, she told me about what happened to her in her college class.

Now I have been hearing of this happening for a while, but this is the first time I heard of it firsthand.

But our colleges and universities are singling out Christians and making a mockery of them.

Well Cynthia is a very kind gracious girl, she had to write a paper and give a speech in front of her class.

The students had to pick a current topic, she chose to do a speech on how we as a nation need to come behind Israel and support them, and not abandon them.

I read the paper the night before she had to present it.

She did a great deal of research, and presented both sides of the argument, and she quoted scripture, and just presented her case with truth and grace.

Well the teacher after Cynthia was done, stopped Cynthia from going to her seat, and allowed the class to criticize her speech, Cynthia said no other speech

got this treatment, and even the teacher started ridiculing her in front of the whole class.

Cynthia was mocked, and jeered at. But she stood her ground gracefully.

I told her after this happened she shared in the Lord's sufferings who was mocked as He went to the cross.

I told her she was Blessed, because Jesus teaches we are Blessed when we are persecuted for righteousness sake.

But hear me this morning church, persecution is coming rapidly to the US.

And it will be scriptures like this that will keep us focused, and will bring comfort to our souls.

I tell the younger Christians often; we will raise our children differently than we were brought up.

Jess and I discuss often that we will teach our girls Sofia and Lola and our son Freedom to go to the stake and be burned if necessary, for their faith in Jesus Christ.

You say that's ridiculous... maybe.

This is something the American church is asleep on; right now Christian persecution around the world is higher than it has ever been in History. And we are living in comfort here.

We live in a culture that makes luxury items a necessity, while most of the world is hoping for a meal.

Our brothers and sisters are being beheaded and tortured for their faith all over the world.

I challenge you to research the things that are happening to Christians in Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, or even in Egypt, you have to search for it, because our biased Media is not talking about this stuff.

But I promise you this, in my studies, there is coming to us very soon a persecution like this nation has never seen before.

I hope you are ready. According to the gospel coalition Christians are the single most widely persecuted religious group in the world today.

The International Society for Human Rights has estimated that "80 percent of all acts of religious discrimination in the world today are directed against Christians."

There are numbers up to 100,000 Christians killed a year for their faith, and even the low end estimates, show one Christian an hour is killed for their faith.

But this shows something amazingly true about our faith, we know it is the only Truth, The Only Way, the Only life, that we are willing to spill our own blood and go to our own deaths, because we know this is not our home.

I imagine Satan's rage when all he can use is fear against us, and there is the one thing he wants but can't have, our soul.

You see Christ paid the price for us, Satan can take this tent, he can hurt us, torment this flesh, but my eternity is secure.

My favorite story of a martyr is Polycarp From the first century persecution, he was the Bishop of Smyrna, and was a disciple of the Apostle John, Here is how his trial went in part...

But the proconsul said, 'I have wild beasts; I will throw thee to them unless thou repent.' But he said, 'Call them; for repentance from better to worse is a change we cannot make. But it is a noble thing to turn from wickedness to righteousness.' But he again said to him, 'If thou despisest the wild beasts, I will cause thee to be consumed by fire, unless thou repent.'

But Polycarp said, 'Thou threatenest a fire which burneth for an hour, and after a little is quenched; for thou knowest not the fire of the future judgment and of the eternal punishment which is reserved for the ungodly. But why dost thou delay? Do what thou wilt.'

In modern language, this fire you threaten me with is temporary the fire you face is eternal.

So Jesus gives blessings to those who are persecuted, so in the coming days remember these words, as you are ridiculed, as they mock you, as they cast your name as evil, remember great is your reward!

Let's look at what Jesus says next in Matthew.....

## **Believers Are Salt and Light(Mark 9:50; Luke 14:34,35)**

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

The Salt was used as a preservative then. There were no refrigerators to keep food good, so they used salt to keep it fresh.

When the Salt was done preserving the food it was cast out on roads, because it kept the vegetation from growing, and it was trampled underfoot.

Jesus tells us; our responsibility is to preserve this world, to be looking to the multitudes with kindness, and compassion, reaching out.

Because if we are not having an influence in this dark kingdom we are good for nothing.

Remember our being here as the church or Bride of Christ is the only thing holding back God's full wrath, soon we will be Raptured out of here, and our influence and preservation will be gone.

Imagine this world without the Christian church, no Salvation Army, no Red Cross, Christians seem to always be the first in to disaster areas, ready to help, sending aid and resources, feeding the homeless,

caring for the orphan, protecting and caring for the widow.

This is how we preserve this world, the multitudes have so many needs and we are the Kingdom to meet them.

So as long as we are here we preserve and influence wherever we are.

Then He says...

14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Again, we are a light in this world.... sometimes we go about our business, and get caught up in the day to day stuff; we don't even realize God is using us.

His light is shining in us.

It is not to be hidden, we are not undercover Christians, and we let it be known.

Look for opportunity to let them know you are a Christian, live like a Christian, and after the mocking, the laughing, and the rejection, they will be attracted

to the light, they will want your peace, and calm through this life's storms.

So hold on tight to Jesus, let Him use you....

And like He says at the end of that verse, it will bring glory to God.

We are not to boast of the good things we do, but let God be glorified, because in all reality, it is Him working in us to do His will.

Paul sums it up this way in...

Phil 3:7-12 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Anything of ourselves is rubbish! It is all for God's Glory!

You know ministering to the multitudes is tough, it seems sometimes like what's the point, is anyone getting it?

It is a tireless job, but one we are called to non-the-less.

I am learning I just have to be obedient; the results are up to God.

Not too long ago, a guy called, who struggles with Agoraphobia **Fear of leaving** a safe place.

**And schizophrenia. He hears voices, and so I prayed for him. I prayed and I hoped that God would do the miraculous; I prayed the man would have a right mind, and that Jesus would help him.**

**But at the end of the call he seemed just as confused, and I felt maybe I did not do enough.**

**So doubt began to creep into my mind.**

**Maybe these prayers don't work...**

**The very next day, God answered that thought clearly.**

**A lady called in the church, she reminded me that I prayed for her schizophrenia over**

**a year ago, she said she has not had one episode since then.**

**You see we get phone calls from all over the place.**

**It was as if God was reminding me you keep looking to the multitudes, you keep doing what you are supposed to do, you keep praying and you Gary leave the results up to me.**

**I am kind of glad I cannot see everything that God is doing, because I might shine a light to bring glory to myself.**

**But our light shining is to bring glory to our Father in heaven.**

**When the multitudes see our good works, they will realize it is something beyond our doing, and they will glorify God.**

**I pray as we are in a fresh work here, that our light will shine in such a way that our God will be glorified here.**

**That no man will get the glory.**

**I pray this little mighty church keeps shining for the King, Amen?**