Sunday School

May 23, 2020

I haven’t heard if anyone reads these, has missed that they were not online the last 2 weeks, or if anyone is even getting them. Or, If they promote some discussion or are just put in the trash file on computers.

Anyway, we are still some weeks away, I think, before we meet again for morning get togethers. Now, I am assuming that the time will come for that activity. Who knows at this time? Here comes the lesson for the last several weeks and this weekend. This lesson is being written in several sections that can all be digested and thought about at one time or over several days or weeks. This is a continuation from the last set of ideas and thoughts that were written on paper as the last lesson. In that lesson we looked at happiness from the human, secular perspective and from God’s perspective. At least, I tried to put those 2 perspectives on paper for all to consider. So; here we go.

Part 1

Define the following words from a dictionary or what you think they mean:

Poor in Spirit-

Mourn-

Meek-

Hunger and Thirst-

Merciful-

Pure-

Peacemakers and Peacekeepers- Is there a difference?

Persecution- Are there different degrees of persecution?

Part 2

If you haven’t figured out these words and ideas come from Matt 5:3-12. Part 2 of this looks at these ideas from God’s perspective. Does your definitions from Part 1 match what is defined in God’s Word?

Poor in Spirit- Proverbs 16:19; 29:23; Isaiah 57:15; 61:1. Who has a greater connection to God?

Mourn-Proverbs 16:2. When does God “seem to be closer”?

Meek- Psalm 37:11. How does humble and quiet strength compare to boisterous and brash?

Hunger and thirst- This is for righteousness. Amos 5:24; 1 Kings 10:9; Job 29;14; Psalm 89:14; Proverbs 29:7; Isaiah 9:7. Is this food and water or something different? Maybe more eternal?

Merciful-The Old Testament has God as being merciful. So we are to have a characteristic of God. What does merciful mean? Who is respected more-One who promotes mercy or one who promotes power?

Pure- Psalm 24:4-5; 73:!; Proverbs 22:11. What does it mean to be pure in heart?

Peacemakers-Proverbs 16:7; Numbers 25:12; Ezekiel 34:25. Again, we need to consider the concept between Peacemakers versus Peacekeepers. Is there a difference?

Persecution-Was Jesus persecuted? If you are a follower of Jesus, would you expect anything different? If you do suffer some persecution for Jesus what is the implication?

I think that this would go better in person, as I think some of the ideas are better discussed in person but see what you can do with this. Feel free to ask questions.

With school done or almost done, have a good summer. Don’t forget to continue your schooling especially in the study of God’s Word and guidebook for our lives.