

Part Two

Lesson 6

“The Sermon on the Mount“

“No Man Can Serve Two Masters“

Scripture to Study: Matthew 6:19-34

Introduction:

Once again Jesus will confront the elite leaders who made the false claim of following God. In reality, they were doing only what they wanted to do. If we consider all the ways that Jesus confronts these leaders in this Sermon on the Mount, we are drawn a clear picture of a people who possessed the attitudes and actions that would never allow them to recognize the identity of the Messiah. Jesus wants the masses of people to see that lack of character and follow Him instead of their present religious leaders.

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Christ say to • lay up treasure?
2. Describe the nature of all earthly treasures?
3. Why is having the right treasures important?
4. What is the relationship between one's actions and one's "eye"?
5. Is it possible to serve two opposite ideals?
6. How does the Bible define the word "worry"?
7. Do the birds of the air just wait around the branches for their necessities? Do the lilies of the field just lay around and wait to become beautiful?
8. Should we just wait around to be given our necessities?
9. Who and what might be involved in the supply of our necessities?

THINK ON THESE THINGS:

What does it mean to "seek first the kingdom of God"?

Does Jesus mean here that if we (in 2003) are seeking that kingdom first we will never be in want&even of what we need?

(When you answer, consider our brethren in Baja California, or in the Philippines.)

Could it be that these promises are to be understood as given to the Jewish nation under the provisions of the Old Testament Covenant?