

**THE BOOK OF JOB  
CHAPTER 24**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. In the first half of Job’s speech, he was conflicted. In the second half, Job argues against his friends. (Job 22.4,5)
2. Job 24 is divided into two section: (vs. 1-17; 18-24)

**I. THREE GROUPS OF WICKEDNESS**

- A. Those who oppress the needy.
  1. **JOB 24.1:** Why are the wicked not punished?
  2. **JOB 24.2-8:** The wicked steal from the needy.
- B. Those who enslave the needy.
  1. **JOB 24.9:** “Some snatch the fatherless from the breast”
  2. **JOB 24.12:** “God does not charge them with wrong”
- C. Those who sin in secret.
  1. **JOB 24.13:** “those who rebel against the light”
  2. **JOB 24.14-16:** “The adulterer waits for twilight.”

**II. TWO OBSERVATIONS OF THE WICKED**

- A. The wicked deserve to be punished.
  1. **JOB 24.18,19:** Their death “*should be swift*”
  2. **JOB 24.21:** “*For he preys on the barren...*”
- B. But they are favored by God.
  1. **JOB 24.22,23:** “*He gives them security*”
  2. **JOB 24.24:** “*They are exalted for a while*”

**III. TWO LESSONS OF APPLICATION**

- A. Man does not know the ways of God.
  1. Why do the wicked avoid punishment? (Job 24.12,23)
  2. The secret things belong to God. (Deut. 29.29, 20,21)
- B. God knows the ways of man.
  1. **JOB 24.15:** “*No eye will see me*”
  2. We will be judged by the One who sees. (Heb. 4.13)

**CONCLUSION:** If you think I am wrong, prove it. (Job 24.25)

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-Mark 16.15

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**MEETING TIMES:**

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM**  
**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM**  
**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:00 PM**

## NEVER GIVE UP

In 2 Samuel 23, we read about a man named Eleazar, the son of Dodo (2 Sam. 23.9,10). In these verses, we read that he went to battle against the Philistines and the rest of the men retreated. We also read that when the battle was over, the people returned, and they started gathering up the spoils.

People haven’t changed that much, have they? When there is a battle to be fought they run away, and when there are spoils to be gathered they want to be sure to get their share. How common it is that when there is work to be done, we scatter and leave the work to only a few. But when there is praise to be given, the very ones who scattered are now willing to share in the glory?

We need to keep fighting even when we are fighting the battles alone. There are battles over doctrinal issues. There are battles in our interpersonal relationships. There are battles in the home. Do you feel that no one else seems to care, and you are working alone (Rom. 11.3; 2 Tim. 4.7)?

Sometimes we feel like we are all alone, but in reality we are not (Rom. 11.4). You may not realize that there are others behind the scenes quietly working, making phone calls, having studies, and you are not even aware of it. No matter the situation, we can learn from the example of Eleazar, and never give up (Gal. 6.10).                      CLP

## THE BEATITUDES

### MATTHEW 5:1

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. The Bible repeatedly addresses the kind of person we are to be on the inside, the person of the heart. (Prov. 4.23; Matt. 12.34)
2. Before Jesus delves into the life God expects us to live, He begins with attitudes.

#### I. EXPLORATION

- A. **MATTHEW 5.3:** *“Blessed are the poor in spirit.”*
1. Poor (ptochos): A beggar.
  2. Blessed is the man who is humbled (1 Pet. 5.5,6)
- B. **MATTHEW 5.4:** *“Blessed are those who mourn.”*
1. Mourn refers to those grief stricken over sin.
  2. Sorrow produces repentance. (1 Cor. 7.10)
- C. **MATTHEW 5.5:** *“Blessed are the meek.”* (Gal. 5.22,23; 6.1)
- D. **MATTHEW 5.6:** *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst.”*
1. The commands of God are righteous. (Ps. 19.9)
  2. Have a desire for the word. (Ps. 119.97; Matt. 4.4)
- E. **MATTHEW 5.7:** *“Blessed are the merciful”*
1. One who puts himself in the shoes of another.
  2. We are to be merciful as God is merciful. (Luke 6.36)
- F. **MATTHEW 5.8:** *“Blessed are the pure in heart.”*
1. Purge your heart. (Rom. 12.2; James 4.4; 1 John 1.15,16)
  2. It begins with how you think. (Phil. 4.8)
- G. **MATTHEW 5.9:** *“Blessed are the peacemakers.”*
1. Do we make peace or cause divisions?
  2. Peace is something that is made. (Rom. 14.19)
- H. **MATTHEW 5.10:** *“Blessed are those who are persecuted.”*

#### II. EFFACACY

- A. The key to happiness. (Matt. 5.11,12; Phil. 3.1; 4.4)
- B. The key to positive influence. (Matt. 5.13-16; Col.1.10)
- C. The key to righteousness. (Matt. 5.20)
- D. The key to relationships. (Matt. 5.22-39)
  1. Relationships with brethren. (v. 22)
  2. Relationship with my spouse. (vs. 27,28)
  3. Relationships in business. (vs. 33)
  4. Relationship with our enemies. (v. 39,43)

**CONCLUSION:** Do not just hear, but do. (Matt. 7.24-27)

## HOW DO YOU SING?

How we sing says a lot about how we feel. We often express our excitement through the upbeat rhythm of an inspiring melody. A slow and haunting refrain goes a long way to express a sad and mournful spirit. With the same thought, how we sing spiritual songs as a church speaks volumes of our attitude toward God, Christ, and His word.

So often we apply Ephesians 5.19 and Colossians 3.16 to the need to sing without the use of musical instruments. Indeed, these passages show that we are to sing at the exclusion of playing a mechanical device. In addition, these passages also teach us that we are to sing with sincerity. For Paul commands Christians to sing and make melody *“in your hearts to the Lord”* (Eph. 5.19), and *“with grace in your hearts to the Lord”* (Col. 3.16).

The Old Testament is clear regarding God’s view of insincere worship. To the Jews who simply went through the motions, God said, *“Take away from Me the noise of your songs, For I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments.”* (Amos 5.23). God did not accept their singing when it did not come from the heart.

While we do not live under the laws of the Old Testament (for the old covenant allowed musical instruments), the New Testament is equally clear concerning God’s attitude toward insincere worship. Jesus Himself taught that God desires worship that is *“in spirit and truth.”* Rather than offer it as a suggestion, Jesus states that *“the Father is seeking such to worship Him.”* Therefore, *“those who worship Him, must worship Him in spirit and truth”* (John 4.23,24). Later Jesus condemned the Pharisees who *“draw near to Me with their mouth and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me”* (Matt. 15.8).

Let us be careful not to place too much blame on the song leader. Certainly, it is the song leader’s responsibility to lead a song with the appropriate level of enthusiasm, volume, and tempo. However, even a song sung slowly can still be sung with passion and excitement. It is upon each individual member to sing from his or her heart.

Paul wrote that *“whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men”* (Col. 3.23). Our singing, and every part of our worship should never reflect an attitude of boredom and apathy. It should always be an expression of love and thanksgiving to the Lord.