

# Treasure Hunt

- What two sections in Matt 6:1-18 are marked by breaking the overall symmetry of the section?
- What is the function of Matt 6:1?
- Do “alms” in 6:1 refer just to charitable gifts? Why or why not?
- What is the relation between God’s grace and the rewards he gives us for good works?
- Can you quote a text that summarizes part or all of this relationship?
- Will God reward unbelievers for the good works they do? Why or why not?

# The Structure of the Sermon

	Setting	4:25-5:2	7:28-8:1
<b>Consequences</b> →	Blessings & Warnings	5:3-12	7:13-27
	Our Mission	5:13-16	
	Law & Prophets	5:17-19	7:12b
<b>Conduct</b> →	Toward Man	5:20-48 It was said ... but I say	7:1-12a
	Toward God	6:1-18 Be not as the hypocrites	6:19-34

# Structure of Matt 6:1-18

<p>1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.</p>		
<p>2 Therefore <b>when thou</b> doest <i>thine</i> alms, do not <b>sound a trumpet</b> before thee, <b>as the hypocrites do</b> in the synagogues and in the streets, <b>that they may</b> have glory of men. <b>Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.</b></p> <p>3 <b>But when thou</b> doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:</p> <p>4 That thine alms may be <b>in secret:</b> and <b>thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.</b></p>	<p>Mat 6:5 And <b>when thou</b> prayest, thou shalt not be <b>as the hypocrites are:</b> for they love to <b>pray standing</b> in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, <b>that they may</b> be seen of men. <b>Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.</b></p> <p>6 <b>But thou, when thou</b> prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is <b>in secret;</b> and <b>thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.</b></p>	<p>Mat 6:16 Moreover <b>when ye</b> fast, <b>be not, as the hypocrites,</b> of a sad countenance: for <b>they disfigure their faces,</b> <b>that they may</b> appear unto men to fast. <b>Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.</b></p> <p>17 <b>But thou, when thou</b> fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; 18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is <b>in secret:</b> and <b>thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.</b></p>
	<p>7 But <b>when ye</b> pray, <b>use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do:</b> for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. 8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. 9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, ... Amen. 14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.</p>	

# 6:1 as Section Heading

<b>The subject in question</b>	5:20 your righteousness	6:1 your alms
<b>Association with the Scribes and Pharisees</b>	Exceed the scribes and Pharisees	Do not ... to be seen of men (23:5)
<b>Loss of heavenly blessing</b>	Ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven	Ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven

The Scribes and Pharisees in 6:1:

Mat 23:5 But all their works they do **for to be seen of men:** they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, 6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, 7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.

# “Alms” ελεημοσυνη as Summary and Detail

Use of “do alms” ποιεω ελεημοσυνη in canonical LXX:

Gen 47:29 And the time drew nigh that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and **deal kindly** **τοη ψη** and truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt:

Psa 103:6 The LORD **executeth righteousness** **εψη צדקה** and judgment for all that are oppressed.

Canonical LXX: never restricted to charity to the poor.

Apocryphal books (intertestamental): always refers to charity (18x)

→ “Do thine alms” (6:1) has the generic sense of the canonical books

“Do alms” (6:2) has the more restricted sense of charity.

# Rewards vs. Grace?

Reward as opposite of grace:

Rom 4:4 Now to him that worketh is the **reward** not reckoned of grace, but of debt. 5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

But ...

Gen 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I *am* thy shield, *and* thy exceeding great **reward**.

Gen 30:18 And Leah said, God hath given me my **hire**, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issachar.

Rut 2:12 The LORD recompense thy work, and a full **reward** be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

Psa 58:10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked. 11 So that a man shall say, Verily *there is* a **reward** for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

Pro 11:18 The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness *shall be* a sure **reward**.

Mat 5:11 Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your **reward** in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

1Co 9:24-25 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. 25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a corruptible **crown**; but we an incorruptible.

2Ti 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith: 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a **crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

# Rewards through Grace!

Salvation is by <b>grace</b> , apart from works	Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye <b>saved</b> through faith; and that not of yourselves: <i>it is</i> the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.
Salvation brings the <b>Spirit</b> ...	Joh 7:39 But this spake he of the <b>Spirit</b> , which they that believe on him should receive:
... who explains the <b>Word</b> of God ...	1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not <b>the things of the Spirit of God</b> : for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know <i>them</i> , because they are spiritually discerned.
... which produces <b>godly conduct</b> ...	2Ti 3:16 All scripture <i>is</i> given by inspiration of God, and <i>is</i> profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all <b>good works</b> .
... which yields <b>rewards</b>	Psa 58:11 Verily <i>there is</i> a <b>reward</b> for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

Rev 4:10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

# Summary Texts

## Ephesians 2

## Titus 3

Salvation is by <b>grace</b> , apart from works	8 For by grace are ye <b>saved</b> through faith; and that not of yourselves: <i>it is</i> the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.	4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, ... 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
Salvation brings the <b>Spirit</b> ...		by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour
... who explains the <b>Word</b> of God...		8 <i>This is</i> a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly,
... which produces <b>godly conduct</b> ...	10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.	that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works.
...which yields <b>rewards</b>		These things are good and profitable unto men.



# Good Works by Wicked Men?

“... otherwise you have no reward ...”

The chain from Grace to Rewards gives God glory:

1Ch 29:14 But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

“Good works” by the ungodly serve only to glorify them, and do not merit God’s reward

Isa 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags;