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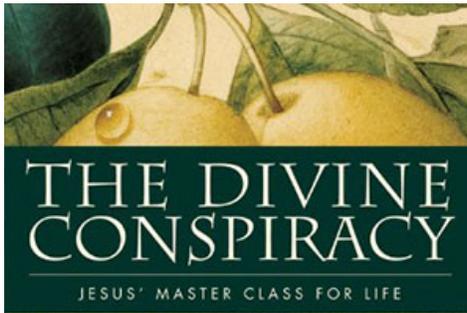
Following Jesus' call
to love God, neighbor and self

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Worship 9:00 am

Pastor Jim Coyl



A Six Part Sermon Series
Inspired by the Writing of Dallas Willard

Part 5 - "A Community of Prayerful Love"

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost - October 3, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME

SONG *A Balm in Gilead* Piano - Angelo Monroy

Responsive Call To Worship:

One: Lord Jesus, we gather to honor your name
and to learn how we can be more like you.

**All: We gather as simple, faithful students.
We are eager to receive your life saving words.
Words that cast out fear, inspire hope and lead us to eternal life.
Holy One, join us as we gather together in worship.**

SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 7:7-12

7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

The Golden Rule

12 “So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

SERMON “A Community of Prayerful Love”

PASTORAL PRAYER - THE LORD’S PRAYER
(Words to the prayer can be found in Hymnal #440)

HOLY COMMUNION

SONG *To God Be The Glory* Piano - Angelo Monroy

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Full Essay, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn - [Live Not By Lies](#)

To understand Jesus' teachings, we must realize that deep in our orientations of our spirit we cannot have one posture toward God and a different one toward other people. We are a whole being, and our true character pervades everything we do. We cannot, for example, love God and hate human beings. As the apostle John wrote, "Those who do not love their brother who is visible cannot love God who is invisible" (1 John 4:20). Dallas Willard T.D.C.

The Lord's Prayer as interpreted by Dallas Willard:

Dear Father always near us, may your name be treasured and loved, may your rule be completed in us— may your will be done here on earth in just the way it is done in heaven. Give us today the things we need today, and forgive us our sins and impositions on you as we are forgiving all who in any way offend us. Please don't put us through trials, but deliver us from everything bad. Because you are the one in charge, and you have all the power, and the glory too is all yours—forever— which is just the way we want it! Willard, Dallas. *The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life In God* (p. 270). HarperCollins. Kindle Edition.

FAMILY CORNER

We wonder if God will accept us; if we can be smart enough, or good enough, or brave enough to impress Him somehow. But none of that makes any difference to God! God loves us. And the Kingdom of God is offered to each of us. The question is whether we will accept it or not. If we are to receive it, Jesus tells us that we must do so like a little child. Little children receive things humbly and in faith from the people who love them. They do not try to earn or deserve the thing offered. They simply receive it. Jesus holds up these little children as an example to us. God the Father offers us the Kingdom of God (which is a very good thing.) The question is, "Will we receive it?"

A long time ago, when Jesus was here on the earth, crowds of people would follow Him around to hear Him preach, to be healed of their illnesses, and to talk to Him. When you read this week's scripture (Mark 10:13-16), you'll see that people were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch and bless them, but the disciples wanted to turn them away. Maybe the disciples thought Jesus was too busy, or too important, to do this kind of thing for little children. When Jesus saw this, he said no way! Well, actually, he said "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them..." What does "hinder" mean? It means to stop or to keep from doing something. Jesus said something like, "Hey! Don't do that! Don't stop them from coming to me!" And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them. Jesus also said, "The kingdom of God

belongs to such as these.” Wow! The Kingdom of God belongs to such as these! That sounds really important! Jesus was saying that children are an example to the rest of us about who can enter the Kingdom of God. But wait; it gets better. We must receive the kingdom of God like a little child. Wow! Now that’s HUGE! Not only is Jesus saying that children are important, but He is showing them as an example to everyone else about how they must receive the kingdom of God! Do you have a little brother or little sister? When you hand them something, how do little children receive things? They just take them, right? Little children don’t ask a lot of questions. They don’t try and earn what you are giving them. They accept what you give them in faith. They have faith that you (or mom or dad) that you are going to give them something good for them. God the Father loves us and wants to give us His Kingdom, which is very, very good. Jesus tells us that we must receive it like a little child would receive something, in faith.

Let’s pray and thank God for the gift of His Kingdom. And let’s thank Him that we may come to Him in faith.

Prayer:

Dear God, Thank you that you love us!

Thank you that you offer us the gift of your Kingdom!

Thank you that we may come to you in faith.

Amen

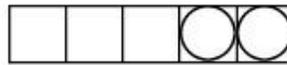
Here is a puzzle for this lesson; have fun!



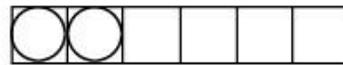
Jesus and the Children Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.

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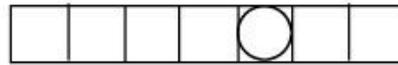
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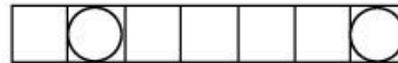
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Who did Jesus want to bless?

