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July's Fulfillment Hour Lessons Unit 2: Jesus Calls for Justice and Mercy

July 1st – "Parable of the Unforgiving Servant" (*Matthew 18:21-35*)

- ⇒ Golden Text Matthew 18:33 (AMP) "And should you not have had pity and mercy on your fellow attendant, as I had pity and mercy on you?"
 - ◊ Facts: to see that Christlike forgiveness has no limits.
 - Principle: to learn to forgive others just as Jesus has forgiven us.
 - ♦ Application: to be prepared to forgive others without reservation.

There was the great day of accounting. This is a day that lies out in the future for every man. It is both the summons of death and the summons to stand before God to be judged. It is the death and the Day of Judgment that every man must face. Note the two bases for judgment.

- The first basis of judgment is God's forgiveness. God's forgiveness is provided in Christ and is always available. Christ "is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."
- 2) The second basis of judgment is man's wickedness.

July 8th – "Jesus Criticizes Unjust Leaders" (*Matthew 23:1-8, 23-26*)

- ⇒ Golden Text: Matthew 23:2-3 (NLT) "The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees are the official interpreters of the law of Moses. So practice and obey whatever they tell you, but don't follow their example. For they don't practice what they teach."
 - Facts: to understand why the Lord spoke out against these religious leaders.
 - Principle: to understand that God's attitude toward hypocritical religion has not changed and never will.
 - Application: to resolve never to enter into the sins of selfishness or hypocrisy.

False religion is a religion of hypocrisy. However, there is a fact that must be noted: not all religion is false, even when it is taught by a false teacher. Christ says, "Observe, obey the truth of what they say, in so far as it is God's Word; but do not follow after their works." Note several things.

1) Jesus is condemning false religion and teachers, but not the truth. False teachers can

and do teach some truth. The truth is to be obeyed no matter who teaches it.

- Jesus is saying that teaching the truth does not mean that a person is acceptable to God. Being acceptable to God depends upon one thing and one thing alone: living the truth.
- 3) We must separate the office from the officer, the ministry from the minister, the church from the people, the truth from the teaching, the doctrine from the practice. The spirits must be tried.
- 4) Jesus is saying that the claims of religion and of men must not be allowed to lead us. The doctrine, morality, and discipline of religion and men may be commendable; on the other hand, both religion and men may be false.

July 15th – "The Widow and the Unjust Judge" ((Luke 18:1-8)

- ⇒ Golden Text: Luke 18:7-8 (AMP) "And will not [our just] God defend and protect and avenge His elect (His chosen ones), who cry to Him day and night? Will He defer them and delay help on their behalf? I tell you, He will defend and protect and avenge them speedily. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find [persistence in] faith on the earth?"
 - Facts: to understand that God desires for us to pray frequently.
 - Principle: to recognize that every word from the Lord Jesus is of vital importance to our spiritual lives today.
 - Application: to pray consistently and persistently, knowing that God knows us and will act faithfully on our behalf.

The great tragedy is this: in the last days few will persevere in prayer and faith. Most will fall away. This is the implication of Christ. Note three significant facts.

- 1) Faith is the one thing Christ is after. He wants trust and belief in Him, in His Word, in His promises and warnings.
- 2) The greatest evidence of faith is persevering prayer. Faith and persevering prayer are tied together. The person who truly believes will be talking and sharing, communing and fellowshipping, living and moving with God day and night. The person will be praying always.
- 3) There will be few men of faith and prayer when He returns to earth. There will be

some, but the number will be few.

July 22nd – "Entering God's Kingdom" (Luke 13:22-30)

- ⇒ Golden Text: Luke 13:24 (MSG) "Whether few or many is none of your business. Put your mind on your life with God. The way to life—to God!—is vigorous and requires your total attention. A lot of you are going to assume that you'll sit down to God's salvation banquet just because you've been hanging around the neighborhood all your lives."
 - Facts: to clearly understand what the Lord Jesus taught about entering heaven.
 - Principle: to realize that all our hope to enter into heaven ourselves hinges on our acceptance of God's Word.
 - Application: to live, think, and believe in a way so as to enter into the kingdom of God.

The saved strive to enter the narrow gate. Note three significant facts.

- 1) The entrance to salvation is a narrow gate. This means at least three things.
 - a) The way to salvation is specific, very specific.
 - b) The way to salvation is the only way. There are not many ways to be saved; there is only one way.
 - c) The way to salvation is straight. It is not crooked in direction or purpose or morals. It is the straight way.
- 2) A person has to "strive" to be saved. The word means to agonize, struggle, contend, exert to the fullest, labor fervently. Whole-hearted dedication and effort are required. But note a critical point: the idea is not that a person works for his salvation, but that he diligently seeks God.
- 3) Many will seek to enter the door of salvation but "shall not be able." The reason is what Jesus said. One must "strive" to enter and few are willing to pay the price of selfdenial. It costs too much for them to give up the world.

July 29th – "Parable of the Great Dinner" (Luke 14:15-24)

⇒ Golden Text: Luke 14:21 (NLT) – "The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious and said, 'Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame."

- Facts: to understand that God graciously invites unworthy people into His Kingdom.
- Principle: to understand we must answer God's call in His way.
- Application: to be prepared to heed the call of God to wherever He leads us.

The Lord becomes angry at the busy guests who make excuses. Note three things.

- 1) The guests who rejected showed both unconcern and contempt for the invitation.
- 2) The Lord had reason to be angry. The guests who had rejected His invitation had deceived and shown the utmost contempt, giving no thought to the great price He had paid for them.
- 3) Note a critical fact. Not a single one of the guests who rejected His invitation were allowed to taste of His supper.

THE FULFILLMENT HOUR MINISTRY'S JULY 2018 THREE "E'S" REPORT

EFFECTIVENESS

Banners By Departments: Attendance:

Children Department – 60 students Youth Department – 82 students Young Adult Department – 40 students Adult Department – 275 students Joined Church Family – 2 new members

EFFICIENCY

Class Enrollment, Attendance Percentage: Children Department – 60% Youth Department – 51% Young Adult Department – 33% Adult Department – 58%

EXCELLENCE

Perfect Attendance: Children Department – 2 students

Youth Department – 2 students Young Adult Department – 1 student

Adult Department – 9 students

Offering:

Children Department – \$156.05 Youth Department – \$101.00 Young Adult Department – \$157.00 Adult Department – \$1,272.16 Yearly Offering – \$12,517.58

The Promises of God In five translations

Psalm 34:18 (KJV) – "The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit."

Psalm 34:18 (NIV) – "The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

Psalm 34:18 (MSG) – "If your heart is broken, you'll find GOD right there; if you're kicked in the gut, he'll help you catch your breath."

Psalm 34:18 (AMP) – "The Lord is close to those who are of a broken heart and saves such as are crushed with sorrow for sin and are humbly and thoroughly penitent."

Psalm 34:18 (ASV) – "Jehovah is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as are of a contrite spirit."

2018 Congressional Elections

Please remember to check your Voting Status

OPEN PRIMARY/CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER. 6, 2018 (6am - 8pm)

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE: • In person or by mail: Tues., Oct. 9, 2018 • Online via Geaux Vote: Tues., Oct. 16, 2018

EARLY VOTING:

Tues., Oct. 23 to Tues., Oct 30, 2018 8:30am - 6:00pm (except Sunday & Holidays)

LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLET BY MAIL: Friday, Nov. 2, 2018 by 4:30pm

OPEN GENERAL/CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018 (6am - 8pm)

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE: • In person or by mail: Wed., Nov. 7, 2018 • Online via Geaux Vote: Sat., Nov. 17, 2018

EARLY VOTING:

Sat., Nov. 24 to Sat., Dec. 1, 2018 8:30am - 6:00pm (except Sunday & Holidays) LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLET BY MAIL: Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018 by 4:30pm





Mission

It's that time again!!! The Mt. Calvary Mission Ministry's School Supply Giveaway!!!

Wednesday, August 8, 2018 <u>AFTER</u> Midweek Services

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Your help is needed to stock supplies.

School Supplies
Monetary Donations
Uniforms (sizes 4 to 12)

Please give your donations to Sis, Linda Singleton or Sis, Mona Spencer,

Thank You!



MAKING THE GRADE MOUNT CALVARY'S 2017-2018 3.0 RECIPIENTS

The 3.0 Club gives special recognition for all K-12 Mount Calvary students that meet the requirement of earning a 3.0 or above grade point average. Those students who further meet the Sunday School attendance requirements of no less than 7 Sundays per 9 week semester also receive a monetary gift.





SECOND GRADE: <u>HONOR ROLL</u> - Iyannah Kime THIRD GRADE: <u>3.0</u> - Kammendi Jones-daughter of Sis. Jennifer Pete, and granddaughter of Bro. Joseph and Sis. Blanche Pete FOURTH GRADE: <u>HONOR ROLL</u> -Camron Greene-son of Bro. Eric and Sis. Julie Green, Anna Pettis-

daughter of Sis. Christe Pettis, **Amyiah Deville**-granddaughter of Sis. Suzanne Deville.



SIXTH GRADE: <u>3.0</u> - Edward Pettis-son of Sis. Christe Pettis SEVENTH GRADE: <u>HONOR ROLL</u> - Anthony Bellamy-son of Sis. Christine Bellamy <u>3.0</u> - Adrieanna Savoie-daughter of Sis. Tempest Thomas, Kendall Turpeau-daughter of Bro. Jeffery and Sis. Charmagne Turpeau, Saniya Foreman-daughter of Sis. Valarie Thomas EIGHTH

GRADE: <u>BANNER ROLL</u> - LaTavia Mone' Myers-daughter of Sis. Moneaka Myers and Travis Myers.



NINTH GRADE: <u>3.0</u> -Tryniti Foreman-daughter of Sis. Valarie Thomas TENTH GRADE: <u>BANNER ROLL</u> - Desiree Jackson-daughter of Bro. Bryan and Sis. LaMechia Allison, Lacey Pitre-daughter of Bro. Deueul and Sis. Vanessa Pitre <u>HONNOR ROLL</u> - Santia Riggs-daughter of Anthony & Sis. Santana Mitchell <u>ELEVENTH GRADE</u>: <u>HONOR ROLL</u> - Maya Wilson-daughter of Bro. Kerrel & Judge Sharon Wilson <u>3.0</u> -

LaMontae Myers-son of Sis. Moneaka Myers & Travis Myers.

Food Ministry Food Distribution July 19th at 10:30am









Vacation Bible School 2018





Submitted by Sis. Marks

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