

SERMON
Who's it For?
Matthew 6:1-18

Is your righteousness for God, yourself, or others?

1. The Warning (v.1)

2. The Heart of the Hypocrite (v. 2, 5, 7, 16)

3. The Faith of the Authentic (v. 3, 6, 17)

4. The Reward of God (v.4, 6, 18)

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 6:1-18

⁶ “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

² “Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵ “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

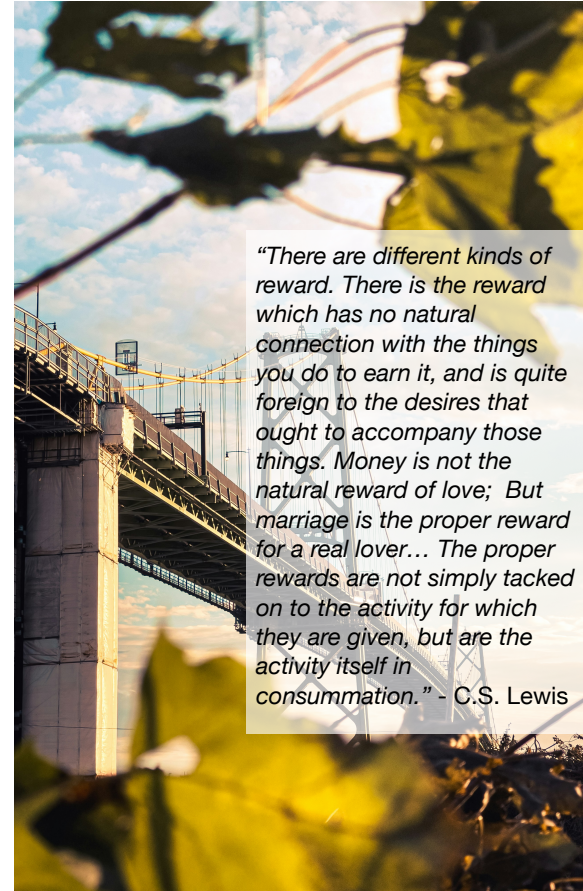
¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,

¹² and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

¹⁶ “And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.



**BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

June 14, 2026
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Welcome to Bedford Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us today. We envision a church worshipping with joy, loving each other with compassion and reaching out to the world with grace and justice.

CHILDREN

There is usually Children's Church for children between the ages of 3 to 10. There is no Children's Church on Sundays when the Lord's Supper is celebrated. Downstairs there is also a nursery and a separate room for nursing mothers.

UPCOMING

Church BBQ: Today after service. All are welcome.

Men's Breakfast: June 20, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at BPC, Register online at: bedfordpca.org/rsvp/mens-breakfast

English Conversation Group: on break till September

Summer Book: Pick up Sunday June 21 & June 28. One per Family.

Bedford Presbyterian's 50th Anniversary Service: Sunday, September 27th

BIBLE STUDIES

- **Adult Bible study:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays via Zoom. Led by Reid Campbell. Studying NT book of Titus. Next meets June 17.
- **ISMC study groups** are meeting—contact Will or Chi Perrie.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the home of Laura Priddle. On break for the summer. The 7:15 p.m. Monday evening study on Romans meets every other week with the last session June 15.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE OPEN DOOR CENTRE which provides a safe place for youth who are sexually exploited or who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. On Mother's Day we invite you to pick up a HEY (Helping Exploited Youth) box or a baby bottle and fill it generously. Bring the box or bottle back with your donation inside, on Father's Day. To find out more about Open Door visit opendoorcentre.com

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Family of the week: Hussein and Latifa Adib and their children Zahra, Asenat and Adrian

HOW TO GIVE

E-transfer to bedfordpca@gmail.com

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: "Great and amazing are your deeds,
O Lord God the Almighty!

People: **Just and true are your ways,
O King of the nations!**

Leader: ⁴Who will not fear, O Lord,
and glorify your name?

People: **For you alone are holy.
All nations will come and worship you**
—from Revelation 15:3-4

HYMN OF PRAISE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

⁵ Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

³ And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry

CALL TO REPENTANCE

Based on Old Testament reading

SONG OF REFLECTION

Psalms 84

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

People: **Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways
like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices and
desires of our own hearts.**

We have offended against your holy laws.

**We have left undone those things which we
ought to have done; and we have done
those things which we ought not to have
done.**

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare those who confess their faults.

**Restore those who are penitent, according
to your promises declared to the world
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

**And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Leader: All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.
—Acts 10:43

SONGS OF RENEWAL

Mighty to Save
Never Once

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 5:13-20

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY

Prayer for Father's Day and the Adib family

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

SERMON WHO'S IT FOR?

Rev. Jim Poopalapillai

CLOSING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

BENEDICTION

Leader: ²³ Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
—1 Thessalonians 5:23

