

THE  
UPSIDE DOWN  
KINGDOM

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

APRIL 26 – JULY 5

# Heart Hunger

Matthew 6:1-18

“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.

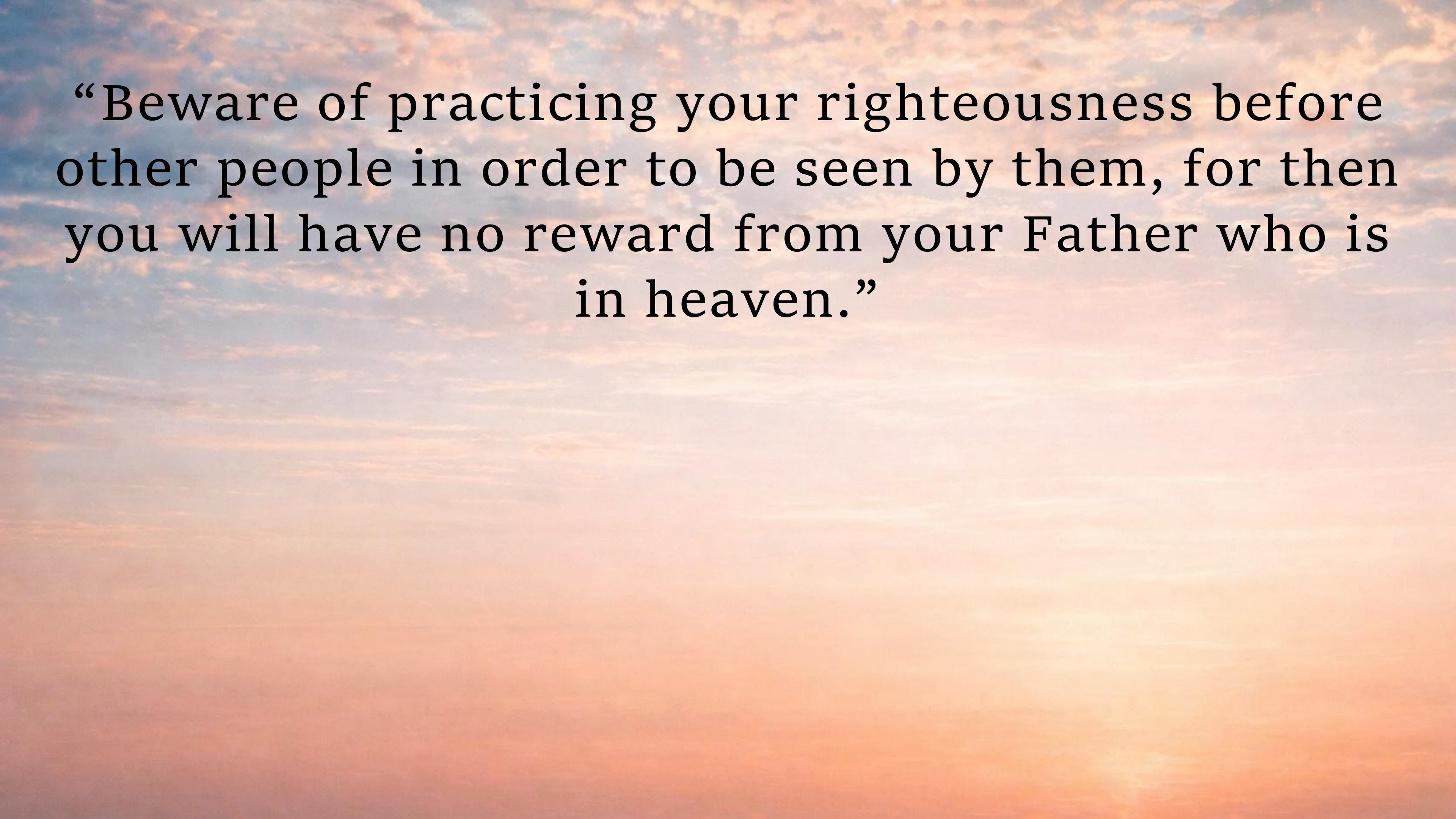
7 “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 Pray then like this:

“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.”

Matthew 6:1-18 (ESV)



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10 For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Galatians 1:10

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Seek relationship and reward from the  
Father.

A full-page background image of a sunset sky. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds in shades of light blue, pale orange, and peach. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, glowing area of light that fades into the surrounding colors. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

**GIVING**

# PRAYER

A full-page background image of a sunset sky. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds in shades of blue, orange, and yellow. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow that fades into a darker orange at the bottom. The word "PRAYER" is centered in the upper half of the image in a black, serif, all-caps font.

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**FORGIVENESS**

# FORGIVENESS

- Not blind trust
- Not ongoing victimization
  - Not neglecting justice
- Not necessarily reconciliation

# FORGIVENESS

- Lets go of bitterness
- Does not pursue vengeance
- Hopes for good for that person
- Releases that person to the Lord

# FASTING

The image features a serene sky at sunset or sunrise. The top portion is filled with soft, wispy clouds in shades of light blue and pale orange. Below this, the sky transitions into a smooth gradient of warm colors, from a pale yellow to a deep, rich orange. The overall atmosphere is calm and peaceful. The word "FASTING" is centered in the upper half of the image in a bold, black, serif typeface.

# FASTING

Fasting is the voluntary withholding of something physical, usually food, for a spiritual purpose.

“Then the disciples of John came to him, saying,  
“Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your  
disciples do not fast?” 15 And Jesus said to  
them, “Can the wedding guests mourn as long as  
the bridegroom is with them? The days will  
come when the bridegroom is taken away from  
them, and then they will fast.”

Matthew 9:14-15

“And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.”

Acts 14:23

Giving, Prayer, and Fasting from the heart  
are rewarded in our relationship with the  
Father.

# Seven Rewards

The background of the image is a wide-angle shot of a sky during a sunset or sunrise. The colors transition from a pale blue at the top to a deep orange and red at the bottom. There are numerous small, wispy clouds scattered throughout, some catching the low light and appearing as bright orange or yellow spots. The overall atmosphere is serene and expansive.

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Is your heart hungry for the Lord?