


Kings the Speech



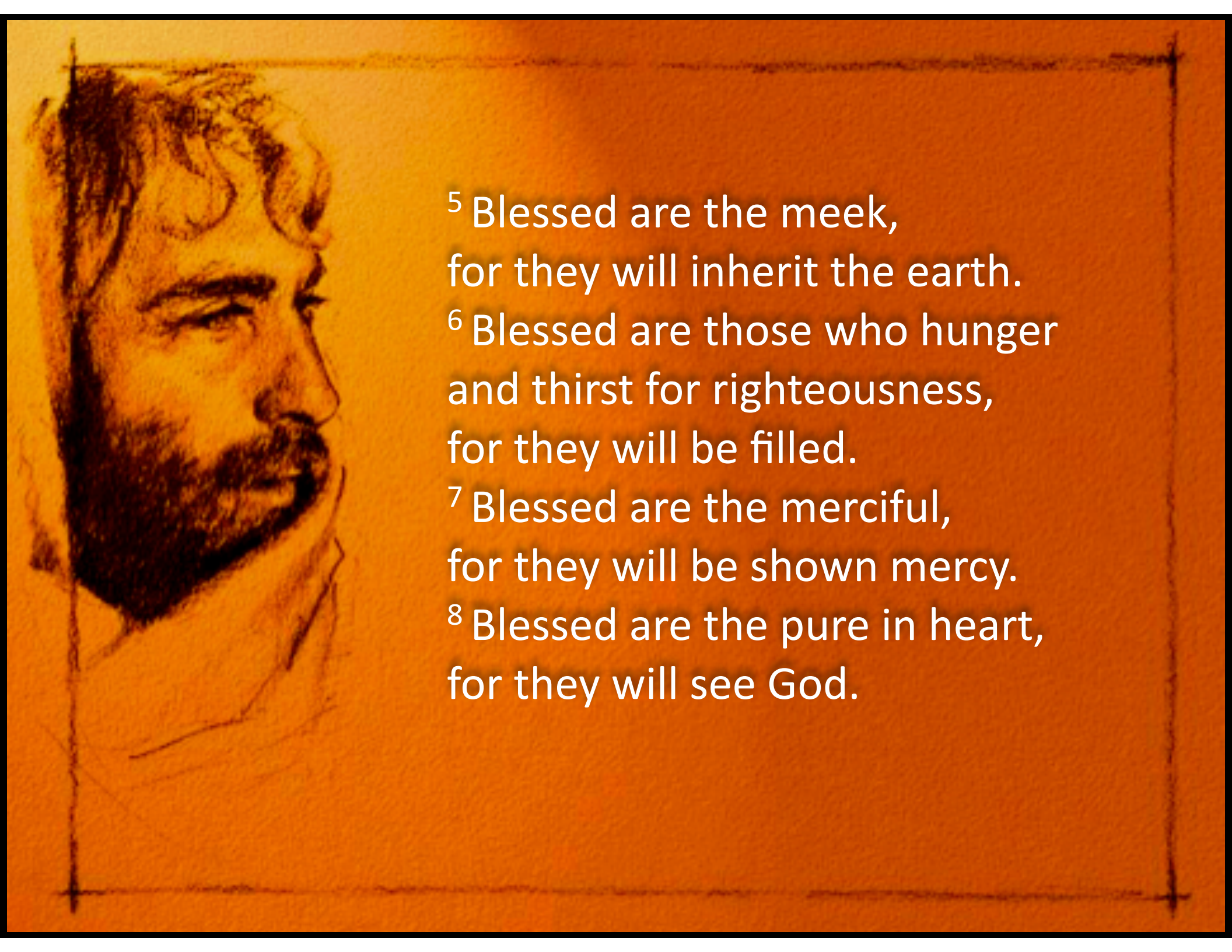
Examining Jesus' teachings from the Sermon on the Mount



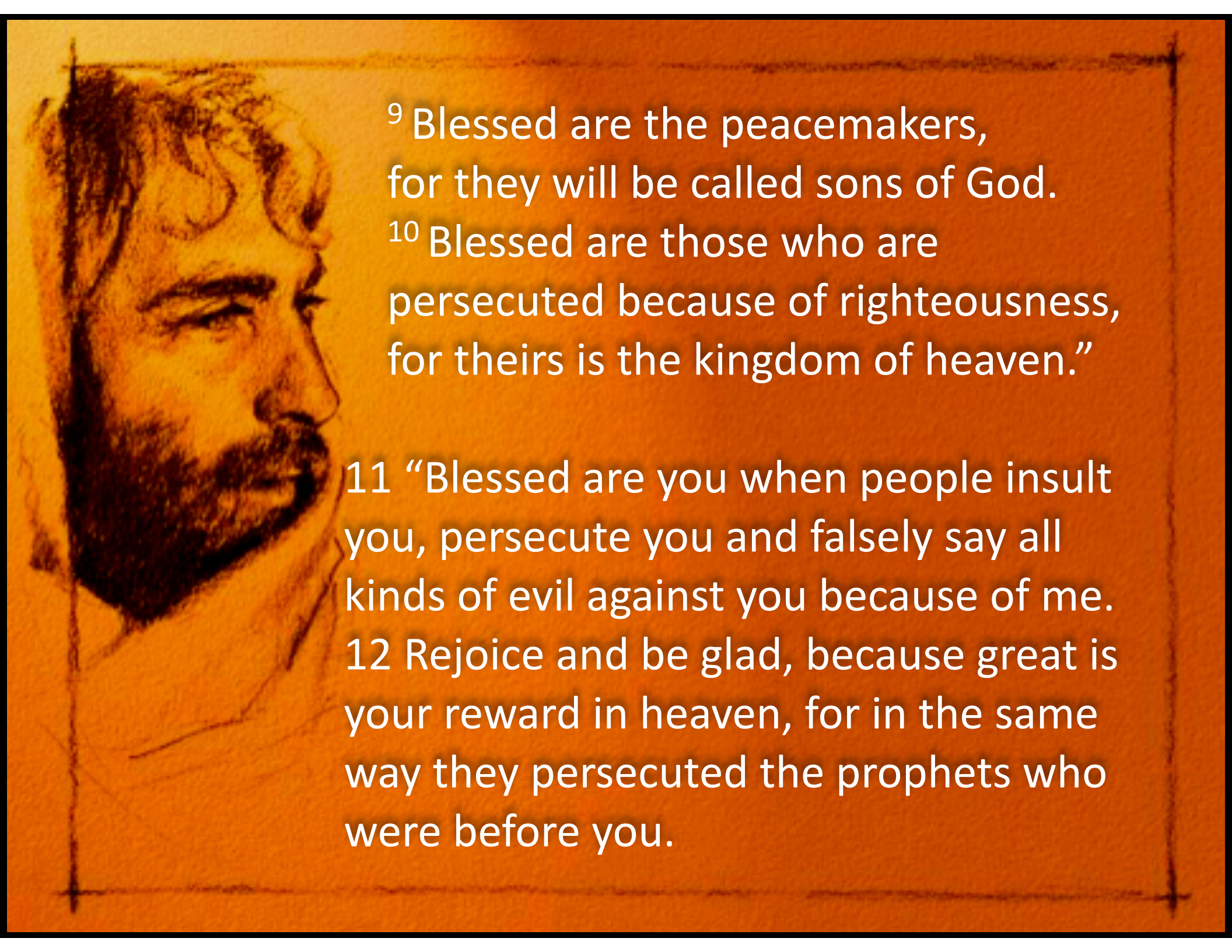
¹ Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.



⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
⁶ Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.



⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are
persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult
you, persecute you and falsely say all
kinds of evil against you because of me.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is
your reward in heaven, for in the same
way they persecuted the prophets who
were before you.

13 **“You are the salt of the earth.** But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. 14 **“You are the light of the world.** A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, **let your light shine before others,** that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ 22 But I tell you that **anyone who is angry with a brother or sister** will be subject to judgment.


“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I tell you that **anyone who looks at a woman lustfully** has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

vs. 37 “Don’t swear at all, but **let your yes be yes
and your no be no.**”

38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ 39 But I tell you, **do not resist an evil person.** If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. ..

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2 “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.



“Be careful not to practice
your righteousness in front of
others to be seen by them.
Matthew 6:1

In the same way, let your light
shine before others, that they
may see your good deeds and
glorify your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16



The question is NOT whether
or not our GOOD DEEDS
should be seen by others,

but whether they're
done to that end.



**DON'T DO IT IN A
SELF-CONGRATULATORY
WAY!**

**Are you looking for the
praise of God or the
praise of mankind?**

6 **“Don’t pray to be seen, but go into your room, shut the door, and pray.”**

19“Don't store up treasures on earth, ...21 but
where your treasure is, there is your heart.”

25 Don't worry. Don't be anxious. Don't be worried about what you will eat and what you will drink and what you will wear.

Chapter 7:1

“Judge not, lest ye be judged.”



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“I did not like the essay ‘Sermon the Mount.’ It was hard to read and made me feel like I had to be perfect and no one is.”



“The things asked in this sermon are absurd. To look at a woman is adultery? That is the most extreme, stupid, un-human statement that I have ever heard.”



“In this essay the author explains the doctrines of an era in the past which cannot be brought into the future in the same context. This essay now cannot be taken the same way it was written. It can be used as a guideline for good manners.”



I find it strangely heartening that, except for the young man who found the Sermon on the Mount a guide to good manners, that the Bible remains offensive to honest, ignorant ears, just as it was in the first century. For me, that somehow validates its significance.

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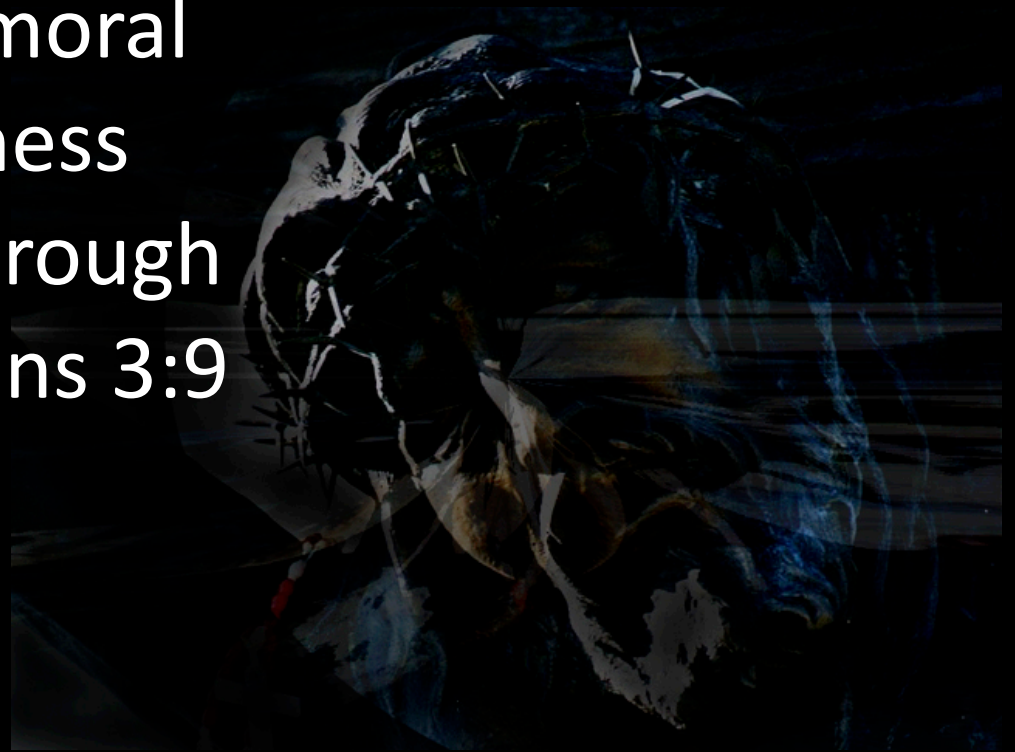
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“I want to be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own based on my own moral efforts, but a righteousness that comes from God through faith in Christ.” Philippians 3:9

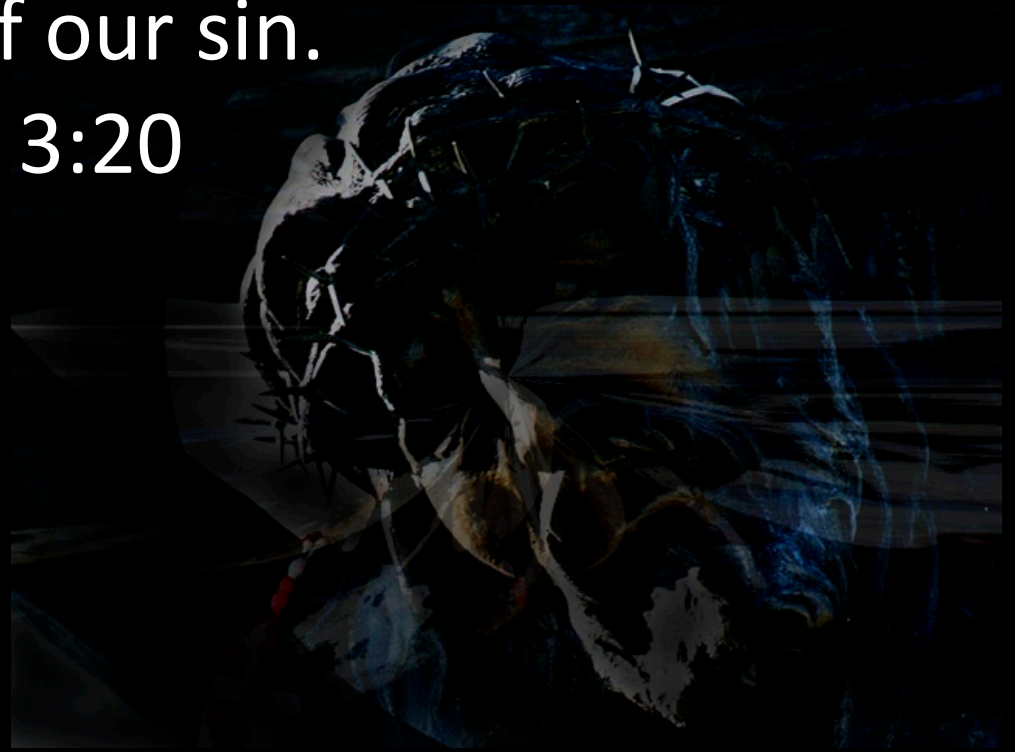


“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ...20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.



Therefore no one will be declared
righteous in God's sight by the works
of the law; rather, through the law
we become conscious of our sin.

Romans 3:20



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the
heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing
in Christ. Ephesians 1:3



