Questions for Gospel Harmony #33 – The Sermon on the Mount (Part 11)

Matthew 6.1-18

1. Can you give an example of "charitable deeds"? What does it mean to "sound a trumpet before you"? What reward to men have who do their charitable deeds openly and before men? Explain the phrase: "do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." What does it mean that God will "reward will reward you openly"? (Matthew 6.1-4)

2. How do hypocrites love to pray? What is wrong with this practice? How does Jesus say that His disciples should pray? What is the value of this practice? What are "vain repetitions" and why do the heathen use them? (Matthew 6.5-8)

Special Question: In Matthew 6.9-13 Jesus teaches His disciples how to pray. Do you think that Jesus intended for Christians to pray this *exact* prayer or something *similar* to it? Explain your answer.

3. To whom did Jesus say we should direct our prayers? Explain the phrases: "Hallowed be your name" and "Your kingdom come." Will God's will ever really be done on earth as it is in heaven? What is the significance of asking for "daily bread"? How did Jesus say that we should ask for forgiveness? What kind of "debts" is Jesus discussing? When Jesus says we should ask God to "lead us not into temptation," does this imply that otherwise God *would* lead us into temptation? Who is "the evil one" and how does God deliver us from him? (Matthew 6.9-13)

4. What will happen if we forgive other men for their "trespasses"? What will happen if we will not forgive others? (Matthew 6.14-15)

5. What does it mean to "fast"? Do Jesus' words imply that Christian should practice fasting? When and how often do you think Christians should fast? How do hypocrites fast and how does Jesus say that Christians should fast? (Matthew 6.16-18)