Everyday Exilic Ethics #2 Pastor Nick Doyle

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Kingdom down or Culture up?

Matthew 5:7-9

Mercy, Devotion and Peace

*One Kingdom—One King—One Commission—One Mission*

The Kingdom of Light:

*The Counterfeit Kingdom—A fallen ruler-A false Commission- A failed mission*

The Counterfeit Kingdom:

One choice- be like the men of the culture or be like that one God-man who rules the Kingdom?

*The Supreme Ruler and Judge have come to teach us how to live:*

1. ***The merciful*** *(5:7)*

Jesus states that those who live in his kingdom ­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_because the one who\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the law, God, shows mercy.

The merciful are those who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_towards the \_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ towards the hurting and needy.

**Heart Check**

Jesus demonstrates the contrast between his requirements and the actions of the religious leaders, who tend to be merciless based on the demand for strict observance of the law.

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. Matt 23:23

1. ***Pure in heart*** *(5:8)*

 *A pure heart is what produces­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

*While the people of the Old Testament knew the heart was evil, they also believed that God could bring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_for following him.*

 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me. Ps. 51:10

***For they will see God…***

Those who have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_loyalty towards God and his ways will be blessed and\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hope: they will see God.

1. ***The peacemakers*** *(5:9)*

Disciples in the Kingdom of God are those who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of peace found in Jesus Christ.

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Isa. 52:7

***For they will be called sons of God…***

*Peacemakers reflect the character of their heavenly father as they carry Jesus’ mission of peacemaking to the world.*

*Sons and daughters are not trying to be like the men and women of the culture- they are following this one man- the God-Man, who is the King of the kingdom they serve.*

*The Kingdom of Light is near, and it is filled with citizens who are called to serve with undivided hearts, being merciful, pursuing holiness and bringing peace. Be wise- some of us are confused about which Kingdom we are from. Don’t get caught with a counterfeit. Make sure you know the real deal.*