

Announcements

- Fellowships today

- Covenant's day of service, November 10th – see the website for details

- Any other announcements?



Sermons, Signs, and Stories from the gospel of Matthew

Matthew 6:16-34

Lamplighters Women's Bible Study
October 24, 2018

Matthew 6: 16-34

1. Fasting: Matthew 6:16-18

2. Money: Matthew 6:19-24

3. Worry: Matthew 6:25-34





- Two weeks ago: Matthew 6:2

"When you give to the needy, do not announce it on the streets as the <u>hypocrites</u> do.... <u>Truly I tell you</u>, they have received their reward in full.

- Last week: Matthew 6: 5

"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites...

Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

- This week: Matthew 6:16

"When you fast, do not look somber, as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full."



- "Personal Piety Practices" of the Jewish faith
 - Giving alms to the poor
 - Prayer
 - Fasting



- Reasons for fasting in Jewish tradition
 - Mourning
 - To atone for or show sorrow over a personal sin
 - National penitence
 - Preparation for a revelation from God
 - An appeal to God
 - Vicarious fasting to move God to liberate or forgive another or a nation



Money: Matthew 6:19-24

- Treasures in heaven – a familiar phrase

 Verses 22-23: "healthy" can be translated as "generous" and "unhealthy" can be translated as "grudging"



Money: Matthew 6:19-24

Psalm 24:1

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;"



Worry: Matthew 6:25-34

- "Therefore... "- points to the last 2 sections
- Birds food
- Flowers material possessions
- Antedotes to worry
 - Seek God's kingdom
 - Live one day at a time



Conclusion

