

The Royal Law

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Q. How do you want to be treated? - Go and treat others that way.
Our text today is Matt. 7:12: Much of the Bible revolves around this verse.
Mt 7:12* Therefore all things that you would have men do to you, do that to them: for this is [the whole objective of] the law and the prophets.
The way we treat people and God ... it all comes back to us.

Actually the Bible revolves around two main commandments.
To love God with all our heart; and to Love people. Jesus said,
Upon these two Commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
This is a summary of the whole Bible. Loving God / loving people.
The condition of our heart toward God, and toward people.
The whole Bible revolves around relationships. With God, and people. So,

Let's read Matthew 22:36-40: Jesus was asked: "Master what is the greatest commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Matthew 22:36-40, KJV.

We will be judged by the same measuring rod we use on others, and God.
As we treat others / and as we treat God, so shall we also be treated.
Jesus said, if you deny me before man, I will deny you before my father.
If you confess me before man, I will confess you before the father.

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." Mt 10:32, 33

If we confess Jesus before man, he will confess us before the father. But, If we deny him before man, he will deny us before the father and angels. He said if you're ashamed of me and I will be ashamed of you. Mark 8:38

“Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

If we honor him, he will honor us. If we disown him, He will disown us.

1 Samuel 2:30 says: “Them that honour me. I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.”

If we bring him pleasure, he will bring pleasure to us.

If we listen to him, he will listen to us. But ultimately...

When people constantly refuse to listen to him, God will not listen to them.

If we draw nigh to God, he will draw nigh onto us. James 4:8

In Romans 1:18-32 - when man brings God down, God brings man down.

Not wanting to retain God in their knowledge, God gives a reprobate mind.

We see this royal law everywhere in God's word.

The way we treat God, is ultimately the way God will treat us.

God sends no one to hell. He's not willing that any should perish.

But that all should come to repentance. He would have all men to be saved.

He paid an enormous price to pay our debt; offers forgiveness to everyone.

But many people ignore God's invitation to eternal life, eternal glory.

He offers full restoration, and peace and Joy, and a wonderful eternity.

But many people ignore or even scorn God's wonderful provision.

God sends no one to hell. People send themselves there.

If people ignore God, eventually God will ignore them. “I never knew you.”

We are talking about a major divine law in God's Word.

God will ultimately respond to us the same way we've responded to him.

He is so good, kind, patient, but when people ignore him and his love...

all their life; They have cut themselves off from God.

They are ignoring the very author of life. The very meaning of life.

Also, if we hurt people, we are hurting God.

And we are injuring ourself.

So again, the two great commandments: Love God, and love people.

When we are good to God and good people, we are being good to ourself.

Numbers 14

It is so important how we talk to God, and what we say about God.

Israel in the wilderness, constantly complained and criticized God.

Numbers chapter 14 is an extremely important chapter.

The Israelites said, God hates us. De 1:27 And ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because the LORD hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.

He brought us out here to slay us and our children in the wilderness.

Caleb and Joshua said the very opposite.

If the Lord delight in us, he is well able to bring us into the land. Nu.14:8

God gave everyone what they said about him.

What we say with our mouth, is who we are in our heart

Nu 14:27-30 "... And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me. Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you: Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from 20 years old and upward, which have murmured against me".

This Is really amazing! Everyone got what they confessed about God
Israel said, God only meant evil for us, to bring his out here to destroy us.
After hearing this constantly for two years, God finally replied:
If that's what you say about me, that's what you'll have. You'll die here.
All that generation died in the wilderness.
Caleb and Joshua said the opposite, — God is so good.
If He delights in us, he will bring us into this good land.
And they came into the land of promise, and given eternal names of honor.

As you have spoken in my hearing, so what will I do to you.
It's so important what we say to God, and what we say about him.
Many Christians fail when they are going through a difficult trial.

I love what Job said when he lost everything in one day. Job 1:19-20:
First of all he fell down and worshiped. And declared:
The Lord has given me all these things, and the Lord has taken them away,
Blessed be the name of the Lord. - This was a blow to satan.
Remember, we overcome by the word of our testimony

Here are a few things we should say, when we are in a dark trial:

Lord I don't understand it all, but I trust you.

You would only do what's best for me.

I know that you will make all things beautiful in your time. Ecc.3:11

You are God in the good times, and you are still God in the difficult times.

You do all things well.

God will reply, as you have spoken in my hearing, So will I do to you.

Help me Lord never to question or doubt your goodness.

Oh Lord, Give me much grace to endure in my time of need.

We must never harden our hearts when we are in trial, like Israel did.

Always say kind and gracious things about our Maker, and to Him.

God will reply, as you have spoken in my hearing, So will I do to you.

How we treat God and people, it will all come back to us. The Royal law.

Let's talk now about our relationship with people.

Remember, when we hurt people, we are hurting God.

When we are good to people, we are being good to God. God loves people.

Jesus said, because you have done this to the least of my brethren,

You have done it unto me. Let's look at Matthew 25:35-45.

This is a scene on the day of judgment.

“For I was hungry, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.” Matthew 25:35-45.

How we treat people, is how we treat God. God loves people.

He gave his very life, he offers forgiveness to everyone.

When we hurt people we are hurting God.

It's so important how we treat people.

The key to a good marriage, is to be a servant to our mate.

We are to serve and forbear one another, in love.

Col 3:13* Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

One of the greatest reasons marriages fail, is unforgiveness.

A hardened heart is unforgiveness. We must forgive.

Jesus taught - forgive and your heavenly father will forgive you.

But if you will not forgive, your heavenly father will not forgive you.

“For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” Matthew 6:14, 15, KJV.

Do you see how important our inner actions are, with each other.

The merciful shall obtain mercy. Those who show no mercy, receive none.

Judge not, and you shall not be judged. We must not be harsh or critical.

Here again is the royal law - Luke 6:31-38

“And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

For if you only love them which love you, what thanks have you? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good only to them which do good to you, what thanks have ye? for sinners also do even the same.... Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete out, withal it shall be measured to you again.” Luke 6:31-38, certain verses...

We will be judged by the same measuring rod that we use on others.

The merciful obtain mercy. If we forgive, we will be forgiven.

If we give, it shall be given to us.

Do not be harsh and condemning.

Go the extra mile, be good to those who are not good to us.

This rule even applies to marriage and family.

How do we want to be treated, go and treat others that way.

This is the Royal law-

As you would that men should do you, go and do that to them,

This is the whole teaching of the law and the prophets, the entire Bible.

God bless you abundantly. Amen.