

“HOW TO APPROACH THE ALMIGHTY”

MATTHEW 21:23-27

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Scripture Reference: Matthew 21:23-27

1) WE COME AS WE ARE

Matthew 11:28 “*Come to Me all you*”

2) WE ARE COMING TO THE ALMIGHTY

Matthew 11:28 “*Come to Me all you*”

3) WE ARE COMING FOR ANSWERS

Matthew 11:28 “*Come to Me all you*”

I. THE “MEANS” IN WHICH WE APPROACH HIM

Matthew 21:23 “*Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him*”

1) TO CONFRONT HIM

Matthew 21:23 “*Confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?’*”

2) TO PLACE CONDITIONS ON HIM

John 6:30 “*Therefore they said to Him, ‘What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do?’*”

3) TO BE CHANGED BY HIM

Psalms 51:10 “*Create in me a clean heart, O God*”

II. THE “MOTIVE” IN WHICH WE APPROACH HIM

Matthew 21:25-26 “*The baptism of John—where was it from? From heaven or from men?*” *And they reasoned among themselves, saying, ‘If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the multitude’*”

1) PERSONAL POPULARITY

Matthew 21:26 “*But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the multitude’*”

2) PERSONAL PROVISION

John 4:48 “*Then Jesus said to him, ‘Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe.’*”

3) PERSONAL PEACE

Luke 18:13 “*And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’*”

III. THE “MESSAGE” WE RECEIVE WHEN WE APPROACH HIM

Matthew 21:27 “*And He said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.’*”

1) WE RECEIVE NOTHING

Matthew 21:27 “*And He said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.’*”

2) WE RECEIVE NO

2 Corinthians 12:9 “*Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’*”

3) WE RECEIVE OUR NEEDS

Matthew 6:33 “*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*”