MATTHEW 5; July 25; Jesus Interprets & Applies God's Law

ANALYSIS: 1. Who should rejoice and be exceeding glad?
2. When our life shines as a righteous light before men, what results?
3. Who shall be called least, and who shall be called great, in the kingdom of heaven?
4. What should we do, before offering a gift to the LORD, if we remember that our brother hath ought against us?
5. The command, "Love your enemies," also includes what else?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Our Lord Jesus came to fulfill the law of God, not destroy it. He calls us to keep or fulfill the law in its broad meaning and application. We see the will of God has many practical applications, which the Pharisees of Jesus' day were not keeping. Let us seek to apply God's will to all of our lives for His great honor and glory.

We need to have a willing attitude toward doing all we learn is the Lord's will for us. When we are willing to obey, our obedience to His law is a pleasure we offer unto the Lord, and not a dread and burden.

HELP:

- 1. Those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, who are reviled and have evil things said against them falsely (vs 10-12).
- 2. Men see our good works, and glorify the Father in heaven (v 16).
- 3. The least are those who break one of these least commandments and teach men to do so, and great are those who do and teach others to keep them (v 19).
- 4. Leave thy gift before the altar, go and be reconciled to thy brother, then come and offer thy gift (vs 23-24).
- 5. Bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you (v 44).