

## The Value in Obedience

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### Matthew 6:1-18 & Psalm 23:1-3

	<b>The Hypocrite</b>	<b>But You</b>
WHERE	In a public location	Private / Secret
WHO SEES	The crowds on the street corners and in the synagogues	God
REWARDED BY	The onlookers	God
THE REWARD	To be honoured by others (A Wage)	God determined (Restore)

#### Outline:

1. Review Matthew 5
  - (a) Matthew 5:3 God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.
  - (b) Matthew 5:14-16.
2. Matthew 6:1-18
  - (a) Obedience contrasted for **Giving** (2-4), **Prayer** (5-6) and **Fasting**(16-18)
  - (b) In each example Jesus contrasts 4 aspects of obedience. See table.
    - i. Hypocrite. – vs 2,5,16
      - A. In public
      - B. people see
      - C. rewarded by the people – vs 16 people admire them
      - D. The reward – admire/ honour – word means: Wages. Contract. - Limited
    - ii. What you should do – vs 3-4,6,17-18
      - A. Secret
      - B. God sees.
      - C. God gives.
      - D. Reward (Restore).
        - In contrast (hypocrite obedience vs How You Should Obey)
          - wage vs a restoration
          - limited vs unlimited
          - contracted vs open ended
          - human determined vs reward coming from a position of knowledge, insight and power
        - Restoration
        - Reward/value is in the nature of the law
        - Is in the doing
          - Psalm 23
        - Obedience is engaging in relationship with God. Matt 5: 17 Jesus says he is the fullness/fulfillment of the law, when we take hold of the law, when we are obedient, we are interacting with God!