

Series "Behold Your King"
"Worldly Ambition"
Matthew 20:17-28
Part-88

Matt 20:21

Ambition – literally, "act of soliciting for votes; an ardent desire for rank, fame, or power"

Godly Ambition – has as its goal the very glory of God. That God would work in and through me. I will make myself available for God's exclusive use. That however He would see fit, that my life would be used in His service to win the lost and minister to the saints.

Matt 5:16

Worldly Ambition – the focus is upon oneself. What I desire and what others think regarding me is more important than the glory of God. There is the desire for authority in order to control others and to make one self great in the eyes of the world.

James 3:13-16

- 1. Verses 17-19 – The Sacrifice of God**
- 2. Verses 20-24 – The Ambition of Man**
- 3. Verses 25-28 – The True Test of Greatness**

1. Verses 17-19 – The Sacrifice of God:

Luke 9:51

Mark 10:32

Isa 50:5-7

John 10:18

Luke 18:31

The Retirement of The King—Matthew 14-20

Matt 20:18

1. Who Jesus is: (The person of Christ) the Son of Man, Daniel 7:13-14

Matt 16:16

Matt 20:19

2. What Jesus did: (The work of Christ) crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised up."

Romans 5:8-9

1 Peter 3:18

Romans 1:4

2. Verses 20-24 – The Ambition of Man:

Luke 9:54

Mother of the sons of Zebedee; Her name was Salome, which was May's sister. Matt 27:56; Mark 15:40; John 19:25

Mark 10:35

Matt 20:21

Matt 20:18-19

Matt 18:1-5; Matt 19:13; Matt 19:27; Matt 20:20-28; Luke 22:24

1 Peter 4:13

Matt 20:22

Their request was born in ignorance: "You do not know what you are asking for.

Eccl 5:2

Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" The drinking of a cup meant "experiencing a matter fully," "It is what life hands you."

Ps. 75:8

Matt 20:23

James - Acts 12:2

John - Rev 1

Matt 20:24

Indignant – “to be greatly afflicted, to be much (sore) displeased”

3. Verses 25-28 – The True Test of Greatness:

lord it over them – literally “to play the tyrant, authority of ones being with no outside restrictions”

Matt 20:26

Servant – Greek word diakonos (deacon); the word dust is from the root word. Literally “one who raises dust in hurrying to minister”; to run on errands, one who executes the commands of another, esp. of a master.

1 Cor 3:5

Matt 20:27-28

Jesus intended on being the example to all true Christians: but to serve,

and to give His life a ransom - "To loose, to release." Used in the first century of payment to free a slave.

for many. “for many - instead of”

1 Tim. 2:5-6

1 Tim. 4:10

Application:

1. Check our motives.
2. Expect difficulty.
3. Put others first.
4. Follow the example of Jesus.