

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: HISTORY BOWS

Main Text: Mat 12

Sermon Description: To illustrate the scope of God's sovereignty, Luther was quoted as saying: "Even the devil is God's devil". In Revelation 17:17 Johns speaks of the characters of history related to the purposes of God including (17:15) people, multitudes, nations, and languages... "For God has put it into their hearts to carry out His purpose by being of one mind and handing over their royal power to the beast, until the Words of God are fulfilled". A picture of this kind of inevitable submission to Christ's ultimate purposes is available for us to marvelously examine in Mat 12... here the very elements of narrative itself bow to His will and ministry proclaiming the Kingdom of Heaven.

HEADING: Narrative examples of how every occasion served Christ's purposes in Mat 12...

1. SETTING *Everywhere Christ travelled was intentional...*

- a. Daytime (12:1-18)
- b. Synagogue (12:9-14)
- c. House (15,29, 43-44,13:1)
- d. Outdoors (12:1, 13:1)

2. CONFLICT *Everything Christ encountered was intentional...*

- a. Pharisees fulfill prophecy (12:14-21)
- b. Teachable moments (12:22-32)
- c. Terms and Conditions (33-42)

3. CHARACTERS *All men are in a relationship with God...*

-What does the presence of the following reveal...?

- a. Spiritual figures (22-23, 44-45)
- b. Cultural figures (38-45)
- c. Family figures (46-50)

Conclusion: Where do we find ourselves in the ultimate purposes of God this morning? Are we standing in Him, or in contradistinction to Him. Praise the Lord, the family of God is born of the Holy Spirit. Gal 3:7-9 "Know then that it is those of faith who are sons of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall the nations be blessed." So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith."

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FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
House lessons	Plantings	Pharisees and prophecy	Terms and conditions	Spiritual realm	Family of God
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Mat 12:29-32	Mat 12:33-37,13:1-9	Mat 12:14-21, Acts 13:27	Mat 12:33-42	Mat 12:43-45	Mat 12:46-50