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## The Sermon on the Mount

*Messiah reveals the heart of the Torah*

### *The Spiritual Life*

From Elijahhu

Consider this:

As I began to write this newsletter I thought it would be interesting to see what the psychologists think about spirituality. I found this quote at the *Psychology Today* web site:

"An instinct toward spirituality appears to be deeply ingrained in humans. We can't help but ask big questions: Research finds that even declared religious skeptics can't stifle a sense that there is something greater than the physical world they see."

Psychology is, of course, not hard science, but a sort of pseudoscience involving a lot of changing human opinion. Normally psychology looks to the theory of evolution as the source of the human mind. Evolution is completely mechanistic with nothing spiritual in view. That makes this quote acknowledging 'an instinct

toward spirituality' somewhat of an uncomfortable admission of the possibility of something higher beyond a merely mechanistic world. Of course, that's the limit of how far psychology can go on the topic, although there seems to be some bias among individual psychologists toward eastern religion, rather than acknowledging our Creator.

Why eastern religion? I think it is because eastern religions, though worshipping many deities, do not require anyone to be responsible to the Creator. This is much more comfortable for those who have some "instinct toward spirituality" while not desiring to be responsible to God. It is not only psychologists that adopt eastern religion for this reason - a lot of professional people, and others, do. This is a deception because 'spirituality' that leaves out the Holy Spirit - God - must involve some other spirit. That can only be demonic spirits such as those Yeshua cast out of the demonically possessed. In fact, practice of eastern religion has been known to bring on exactly that outcome.

In the Bible, worship or practices involved with spirits other than our Creator are synonymous with 'spiritism.' In turn, the original Greek word for this in Scripture is 'pharmakeia' - the same word that our English 'pharmacy' comes from. Here is the definition of that word:

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Thayer Greek Dictionary Definition:

- 1) the use or the administering of drugs
- 2) poisoning
- 3) sorcery, magical arts, often found in connection with idolatry and fostered by it
- 4) metaphorically the deceptions and seductions of idolatry

Historically speaking, it is interesting that spiritism and drugs (with those who administer them or use them) linguistically are connected. In keeping with the connection between healers and spiritism, you will often find spiritistic practices, such as eastern meditation, advocated and sold by healers, often bringing in some pseudoscientific psychology as well. At any rate, what the world calls "spirituality" is something other than the true spirituality experienced by those who walk with Messiah in the Holy Spirit. When we say *The Spiritual Life* we are talking about a life lived in harmony with none other than the Holy Spirit in view.



True spirituality is a life lived with and for our Father in Heaven, with His Word always teaching us, and His Spirit always leading us, as we follow in the way of our Messiah, Yeshua. When we do that, we have no need of anxiety, because we know that He always hears us, always cares for us, and always is with us.

We have been teaching from Yeshua's *Sermon on the Mount* in Matthew 5-7 recently. We are presently in Matthew 6, and it just keeps getting better and better! It is so refreshing to soak in His amazing words of truth. Our teaching this week is called *The Spiritual Life*. Yeshua teaches such deep and profound truths in this chapter with such simplicity and authority that it is truly astounding. You hear the words 'life-changing' frequently these days. These words are pushed at you in connection with everything from soup to nuts, so that this phrase has all but lost its impact. Do you want to know what *life-changing* really means?

If so, join us tonight on our live-stream as we dig into the depths of these amazing words of Yeshua, to find profound truth that defines what "spiritual" really means. This is *The Spiritual Life*, and it is literally life-changing! It is an entirely different life! A life that is ever-new! A life lived in and for the Kingdom of Messiah. It is the essence of *eternal* life, and it is available to us right now, today, tomorrow, and forever.

Join us for our live-stream broadcast tonight, August 1, at Tsiyon.Net at 8 PM, Central for this key episode of *Yeshua's Narrow Way*. Do you think you already know all there is to know about Matthew 6? There is more, and we will be sharing it with you tonight.

In His Name,

Eliyahu  
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**See these important messages:**



*"This generation will not pass away until all things are accomplished." Luke 21:32*



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