

# Sermon Handout

## The Expanding Kingdom

### Matthew 8:5-13

- I.** Jesus and the Centurion Mt 8:5-13
- a. Acknowledgement of authority vv. 6-9  
What Jesus commands will be accomplished, he says.
  - b. Jesus recognizes evidence of faith vv. 10, 13  
A Gentile with faith that exceeds that of Israelites
  - c. The lesson drawn by Jesus vv. 11-12  
The covenant with Abraham remains intact  
It will be a global gathering  
Some within Israel will be excluded (*cf.* Rom 2:28-29)  
This was not a new teaching! (Jesus cites Malachi & Isaiah)
- II.** The Kingdom is offered to the whole world Malachi 1:6-11
- a. Israel polluting the pure religion vv. 6-8; vv. 12-14
  - b. God's name will be honored by non-Israelite nations v. 11  
From east to west v. 11a (*all the world cf.* Rom 3:19-20)  
True incense and a pure offering made by Gentiles v. 11b *cf.* Rev 5:8  
God's name glorified across the globe v. 11c
- III.** The Redeemer will exercise judgment & justice Isaiah 59:16-21
- a. There was no true or judgment in Israel, displeasing God vv.14-15  
Jesus found the same conditions in Israel Mt 23:1-39  
*cf.* Lk 6:39-49; Mt 5:20
  - b. God assumes garments of righteousness, salvation, recompense & zeal  
Resulting in a **worldwide** fear of the Lord vv. 17-19
  - c. Redemption comes, centered on Zion (the King's hill) vv. 20-21  
For those who repent v. 20 (so, some Israelites will be *included*)  
Penitent people are permanently stabilized by God's Word v. 21
  - d. The regime of Israel is overthrown by Jesus (as in the exile *cf.* Is 8)  
The covenant then is extended to a new, holy, nation  
Mt 21:42-46; I Pet 2:5-10 (*citing* Ps 118:22-23; Is 8:14 – Peter)  
*See* Is 8:5-15 – the events of the exile were a warning!