

Sermon on the Mount

Part One – Matthew Chapter 5

The Christian Manifesto

1. The longest recorded discourse by Jesus in the Gospels
2. The highest ethical teaching regarding Christian conduct
3. The Law of Moses is eclipsed, expanded and amplified
4. The Sermon on the Mount was not given to the multitude, but the disciples
5. No mention of the way of salvation

Mathew 5:1-16 – Christian Character

Matthew 5:17-48 – Christian Conduct – here Jesus points out that SIN is INWARD, in the heart, not merely a conduct that is external. The Pharisees focused on the external conduct, not the inward attitude of the heart.

The Beatitudes – word is literally translated “blessed”. They represent a progression from spiritual poverty to spiritual maturity.

1. **Poor in Spirit**
2. **Mourn**
3. **Meek**
4. **Hunger and Thirst**
5. **Merciful**
6. **Pure in Heart**
7. **Peacemakers**
8. **Persecuted**

Salt of the Earth

- Salt preserves from decay
- Salt adds flavor
- Salt creates thirst
- Salt is useless if it loses its flavor
- When the church loses its flavor, it is trampled underfoot by men

Light of the World

- We live outwardly in such a way as Christ is seen and made known to the world
- The world witnesses our good works and God is glorified
- We are not to hide our light

These eight beatitudes and being “salt” and “light” deal with our character as we move from spiritually dead, through an awakening that causes us to mourn our sins, into a steady progression of new life, awareness and freedom.

We now move into Christian Conduct

Jesus fulfilled the law and the prophets – access to God – Priest/Sacrifice

- The law will stand forever – God’s Word is eternal
- Keeping the Commandments and righteousness only accomplished through Jesus Christ
- Keeping the commandments is not the way of salvation – they show you your sinfulness
- Romans 10:4
- Galatians 5:18
- Ephesians 2:14-15
- Romans 7:1-6

But I Say unto You – Reinterpreting Moses and the Law for the citizens of the Kingdom

- Thou Shall Not Kill
- Gifts and Reconciliation
- Thou Shall Not Commit Adultery
- Removing Sin – the eye, the hand
- Divorce
- Taking an Oath
- Eye for an Eye – Lev. 24:19-22; Lev 19:17,18
- Go the Extra Mile
- Love Your Enemies
- Be Perfect

Mathew 6

- Chapter Six continues with Christian Practices and the External vs the Internal
- Chapter Six focuses on our Relationship with God

Giving of Alms - Alms are money, food, or other material goods donated to people living in poverty.

- Do so privately – rewarded by God
- Do not do so publicly – praises of men
- Give alms in secret

Prayer – again the difference between public for praise of man, vs private before God

- Find a place to pray to God that is special and hopefully alone
- Father will see
- Avoid vain repetition
- Simplicity
- Sincerity

Praying the Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

- Picture Calvary and thank God, you can call Him "Father" by virtue of the blood of Jesus
- Hallow the names of God corresponding with the five benefits in the New covenant and make your faith declarations

<u>Benefit</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Sin	Jehovah-Tsidkenu	"Jehovah our righteousness"
	Jehovah-M'Kaddesh	"Jehovah who sanctifies"
Spirit	Jehovah-Shalom	"Jehovah is peace"
	Jehovah-Shammah	"Jehovah is there"
Soundness	Jehovah-Rophe	"Jehovah heals"
Success	Jehovah-Jereh	"Jehovah's provision shall be seen"
Security	Jehovah-Nissi	"Jehovah my banner"

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done.

- Yourself
- Your family (mate, children, other family members)
- Your church (pastor, leadership, faithfulness of people, harvest)
- Nation (city, state and national political and spiritual leaders, harvest)

Give us this day our daily bread.

- Be in the will of God (prayer life, church, work habits, obedience in giving)
- Believe it is God's will to prosper you
- Be specific
- Be tenacious

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

- Ask God to forgive you
- Forgive and release others
- Set your will to forgive those who sin against you

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

- Put on the whole armor of God (put on the Lord Jesus Christ)
 - Loins girded with **truth**
 - Breastplate of **righteousness**
 - Feet shod with the **preparation** (readiness) of the Gospel of **peace**
 - Shield of **faith**
 - Helmet of **salvation**
 - Sword of the Spirit, which is the **Word of God**
- Pray a hedge of protection (you are my refuge, my fortress, my God)
 - Because thou hast made the Lord thy habitation
 - Because he hath set his love upon me
 - Because he hath known My name

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever

- Make your faith declarations
- Return to praise

Matthew 6: 14 – 15 – Key point about forgiveness.

- **Fasting** – again the internal vs. the external
- **Treasure** – eternal vs. temporal – the heart is the key
- **The Eye** – Key insight to your life – Satan’s portals is the eye, God’s is the ear
- **Two Masters** – can’t serve but one.

Chapter 7

Ch 7:1-5 Judging Others

- Romans 2:1-4
- I Corinthians 5:11-14
- James 2:1-7

Ch 7:7-11 Ask, and It Will Be Given

- James 4:1-4
- Luke 11:9-13

Ch 7:12 - Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Ch 7:13-14 Enter the way to eternal life because many people do not enter it.

- Isaiah 35:5-10
- Psalm 84:5
- Proverbs 16:17

Ch 7:15-20 A Tree and Its Fruit

- John 15: 1-7
- Galatians 5: 22-24

Ch 7:21-23 I Never Knew You

- Matthew 13:40-43
- Luke 13:25-30

Ch 7:24-27 Build Your House on the Rock

- I Corinthians 3:10-11
- Ephesians 2:19-21

REVIEW

- **The Constitution of the Kingdom**
- **Describes how we are to live as citizens of the Kingdom.**
- **No mention of the way of salvation**
- **Was to the disciples.**
- **Four Main Categories Covered**
 1. **Christian Character**
 2. **Christian Conduct**
 3. **Towards God**
 4. **Towards Others**

The Main Principles Given in the Sermon on the Mount

Beatitudes

Salt and Light

Murder and Adultery of the Heart

Reconcile before you make your offering

Making vows

Eye for an eye redefined – turn cheek, give, love enemies

Be perfect

Alms, Prayer and Fasting defined – Praises of man worthless

The Lord's Prayer

Forgiveness

True Treasure – cannot serve two masters

Anxiety – Seek first the Kingdom

Judge Not Least You be Judged

Ask, Seek, Knock

The Golden Rule

The Narrow Gate

False Prophets – known by their fruits

Not everyone enters

The House on the Rock and the House on the Sand