

Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5-7

Sermon on the Mount (1)

- It is a glorious summary of pure Christian doctrine.
- It is NOT for the millennium as some restrict it.
- It is NOT to replace or modify Moses' law or the O.T.
- It was to a very large group of disciples and people.
- It was in a mountain, and Jesus sat, thus the name.

Sermon on the Mount (2)

- With a great crowd, Jesus did not preach John 3:16.
- He taught strict personal righteousness and holiness.
- He overthrew Jewish doctrine, practices, and teachers.
- Sexual thoughts, swearing, savings, enemies, etc.
- This is pure Christianity and evidence of eternal life.

Sermon on the Mount (3)

- This is Psalm 15 from Sunday expanded by David's Son.
- These are the wholesome words of Jesus (1 Tim 6:3-5).
- God's Son preached the greatest sermon on earth.
- What will you do with the Son of God by His words?
- What will you do with the words of the Son of God?

#1: BEATITUDES (5:1-12)

- Beatitudes = blessings = character of true disciples.
- There are 9 beatitudes or blessings on holy living.
- Poor in spirit, mourners, meek, hunger and thirst after righteousness, merciful, pure in heart, peacemakers, persecuted for righteousness, falsely accused.
- These traits are what you should crave and pursue.

#2: INFLUENCE (5:13-16)

- God saved His children for His glory and others' profit.
- True Christians should live publicly to help others.
- Salt is a purgative, preservative, destroyer, seasoner.
- A light is to be as visible as possible for all to see.
- You can glorify God in heaven everywhere you go.

#3: LAW OF GOD (5:17-20)

- Jesus headed off accusations or questions of law.
- Far from destroying the O.T., He would fully fulfill it.
- He identified greatness by the least commandments.
- If you do not outlive Pharisees, you are in trouble.
- Let us be sticklers for every word and jot and tittle.

#4: MURDER (5:21-26)

- Jesus did not correct Moses ... He fulfilled the law!
- Jesus corrected the Jews ... they had limited the law!
- Anger without a cause is murder to Almighty God.
- Think of backbiting, bitterness, envy, grudges, etc., etc.
- Reconcile all differences before worshipping Him.

#5: ADULTERY (5:27-32)

- Jesus did not correct Moses ... He fulfilled the law!
- Jesus corrected the Jews ... they had limited the law!
- Sexual fantasies are as bad as the actual sinful act.
- You should get rid of any temptation, even if costly.
- Most divorces abuse God's law to commit adultery.

#6: SWEARING (5:33-37)

- Jesus did not correct Moses: Jesus corrected Pharisees.
- They had ridiculous ideas about swearing (Mat 23:16-22).
- We reject Mennonite and JW's heresy against oaths.
- We only swear in Jehovah's name for serious matters.
- We guard against any expletives or implied swearing.

#7: REVENGE (5:38-42)

- Jesus did not correct Moses: Jesus corrected Pharisees.
- They misapplied Moses' civil laws for private revenge.
- An eye for an eye is true, but only for magistrates!
- Jesus taught turning cheeks, giving cloaks, going miles.
- He did not alter civil law; He stopped personal revenge.

#8: ENEMIES (5:43-48)

- Jesus did not correct Moses: Jesus corrected Pharisees.
- They limited loving neighbor to friends to hate enemies.
- True love of neighbor includes personal enemies.
- God shows this love all the time with sun and rain.
- To be God's perfect children, you must love enemies.

#9: GIVING (6:1-4)

- Godly giving never has human praise as its motive.
- God's reward for giving is lost if you give for men.
- Giving is not new; it was part of the law (Deut 15:7-8).
- Alms are only for legitimate acts of God He approves.
- Jesus condemned Pharisee publicity only (Acts 4:34-37).

#10: PRAYER (6:5-15)

- Godly praying cannot have a motive to be seen of men.
- God's reward for praying is lost if you pray for men.
- Reject repetitions like the Rosary; God already knows.
- The Lord's Prayer is for the right manner, not words.
- You must forgive others for God to forgive your sins.

#11: FASTING (6:16-18)

- Godly fasting cannot have a motive to be seen of men.
- God's reward for fasting is lost if you pray for men.
- Make efforts to appear the very opposite of fasting.
- Jesus assumed fasting for effective praying (Matt 17:21).
- Fasts like Lent with ashes on forehead are devilish.

#12: TREASURE (6:19-21)

- Ambition and investments should be toward heaven.
- There are many earthly enemies of earth investments.
- Your investments prove where your heart actually is.
- Set your affection , efforts, and stockpile in heaven.
- All treasures here are not wrong; some are required.

#13: SINGLE-MINDED (6:22-24)

- Jesus hated the hypocrisy and duplicity of Pharisees.
- A single eye focuses on one object; an evil eye is not.
- The eye directs the body, therefore it must be single.
- It is not just foolish to have two goals; it is impossible!
- True disciples hate competitors; losing leads to finding.

#14: WORRY (6:25-34)

- God will take care of true disciples without worry.
- The “no thought” of this passage condemns worry.
- Examples in creation prove God’s faithful providence.
- God already knows you have need of all things of life.
- God will provide all for those putting His kingdom first.

#15: JUDGMENT (7:1-5)

- Judgment of others must be balanced and righteous.
- The first verse clearly does not condemn all judgment.
- You will be judged by the severity you show others.
- Sincere disciples correct their own sins before judging.
- Judgment is assumed and expected (Mat 7:6,15-20; Jn 7:24).

#16: FOOLS (7:6)

- Fools and scorners do not deserve truth or help.
- First risk, they will trample the truth in their mud.
- Second risk, they will twist what you say to tear you.
- Solomon taught this same wisdom (Pr 9:6-9; 23:9; 26:4-5).
- Paul taught the same wisdom (II Thes 3:1-2; II Tim 2:23; etc.).

#17: PRAYER (7:7-12)

- Prayer absolutely does work and obtain God's will.
- It is as logically true as thinking about a good father.
- But God is far better than any good father (still evil).
- The golden rule is the highest rule of human conduct.
- God answers based on love of others (Matt 6:14-15; 7:2).

#18: STRICT & FEW (7:13-14)

- The strait gate is restrictive, like a straitjacket. Enter it!
- The road to destruction is wide and broad and easy.
- The road to destruction is popular with many in it.
- The road to life, now and later, is strict like this sermon.
- The road to life, now and later, is rare with only a few.

#19: FALSE TEACHERS (7:15-20)

- Wolves to devour you will come looking like sheep.
- The proof of true teachers sent by God is their fruit.
- Fruit here is doctrine, emphasis, righteousness, effect.
- Fruit is never appearance, charisma, or popularity.
- False teachers do not produce holiness like this sermon.

#20: FALSE PROFESSORS (7:21-23)

- Many give lip service to Jesus Christ as their Lord.
- But the only measure that counts is their obedience.
- Many will have ministerial results that they will claim.
- But the only measure that counts is their obedience.
- Workers of iniquity, violating this sermon, are doomed.

#21: DECISION (7:24-27)

- Jesus drew a conclusion by virtue of His “therefore.”
- Hearing and doing this sermon is wise and foresightful.
- Hearing and not doing this sermon is certain soul ruin.
- The issue is not practical salvation but final salvation.
- The issue is eternal life with Christ or the lake of fire.

Conclusion (1)

- Jesus ended His sayings ... truth brings decision time.
- The people, used to their preachers, were astonished.
- His doctrine was His teaching – His words and rules.
- He taught with authority ... “but I say unto you.”
- He taught with authority ... “as your Father in heaven.”

Conclusion (2)

- He taught with authority ... “not as the hypocrites.”
- Good works defined by Jesus in abundance prove life.
- God sent His Son to preach the greatest sermon to men!
- Have you believed on Jesus Christ as the Son of God?
- Will you embrace His religion and live it fully each day?

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