

13—The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5-7; Luke 6:20-49; 12:22-31



1. Take a moment to think about how Matthew sets up the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7. List the key themes and main point of the following passages below. In what way does this Sermon logically follow the progression Matthew is making as he writes his gospel?

- Matthew 1—
- Matthew 2—
- Matthew 3—
- Matthew 4:1-11—
- Matthew 4:12-25—

2. *Several contrasts are made throughout this sermon.* In the Beatitudes of Matthew 5:3-12, the word “blessed” also means “happy.” What do some today think is the key to happiness? What qualities does Jesus believe are the key to enduring happiness in His kingdom?

3. *Several contrasts are made or implied throughout this sermon.* When it comes to our impact and influence, what two options do we have (Matthew 5:3-16)? What metaphors does Jesus use to help us see the importance of being a good influence on the world? What is the goal of our good works (5:16)?

4. *Several contrasts are made or implied throughout this sermon.* For example, in Matthew 5:21-48 Jesus contrasts what others have taught vs. what He, the King, teaches. In the chart below, note these contrasts as it relates to the following topics.

Topic	“You have heard”	“But I say to you”
Murder (5:21-26)		
Adultery (5:27-32)		
Oaths (5:33-37)		
Vengeance (5:38-42)		
Enemies (5:43-48)		

5. *Several contrasts are made or implied throughout this sermon.* In Matthew 6:1-18 there is a contrast of motives. What motives should we be concerned with as we consider charity, fasting, and prayer? What types of actions indicate improper motives?

6. *Several contrasts are made or implied throughout this sermon.* In Matthew 6:19-34 there is a contrast of treasures. What two treasure choices do we have (6:19-21)? How might we be able to see an inappropriate emphasis on the wrong treasure in our own lives (6:24-34)?

7. *Several contrasts are made or implied throughout this sermon.* In Matthew 7:1-6, what types of judgment are condemned and what must be considered before we can offer any judgment?

8. *Several contrasts are made or implied throughout this sermon.* In Matthew 7:7-14, two paths and choices are presented to us. Where do these choices lead? What should be our attitude and actions as we seek to follow the right path?

9. Several contrasts are made or implied throughout this sermon. Matthew 7:15-27 asks us to be watchful of our fruits and careful of our foundations. How can we know the difference between a solid and a sand foundation?

10. When this sermon was first presented, what impact did it have upon the audience of Jesus (Matthew 7:28-29)? In what ways do you think these teaches can change the world and your life today?