

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT



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The Sermon on the Mount

Lesson Syllabus

<u>Lesson</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1	April 8	<i>The Beatitudes—part 1 (Matthew 5:1-12; Luke 6:17-26)</i>
2	April 15	<i>The Beatitudes—part 2 (Matthew 5:1-12; Luke 6:17-26)</i>
3	April 22	<i>Salt and Light (Matthew 5:13-16)</i>
4	April 29	<i>Christ on Hatred, Lust, and Lies (Matthew 5:17-37)</i>
5	May 6	<i>The Golden Rule and Its Context (Matthew 5:38-48; Luke 6:27-36)</i>
6	May 13	<i>Giving, Prayer, and Fasting (Matthew 6:1-18; Luke 7:7-12)</i>
7	May 20	<i>True Treasures (Matthew 6:19-34)</i>
8	May 27	<i>Jesus on Judging (Matthew 7:1-6; Luke 6:37-42)</i>
9	June 3	<i>The Broad and Narrow Way (Matthew 7:13-20; Luke 6:43-45)</i>
10	June 10	<i>Religious, But Wrong (Matthew 7:21-23)</i>
11	June 17	<i>The Wise and Foolish Man (Matthew 7:24-29)</i>
12	June 24	<i>Special Study: The Sermon on the Mount and Marriage</i>
13	July 1	TBA

1— Beatitudes—part 1

Matthew 5:3-12; Luke 6:17-26

..... THE BEATITUDES

Matt. 5:3-12

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

1. Matthew presents Jesus to the Jews as “the promised king.” Think of the progression in Matthew’s gospel. What major events/facts are established in the following passages?

- Matthew 1:1-18—
- Matthew 1:18-2:23—
- Matthew 3:1-17—
- Matthew 4:1-11—
- Matthew 4:12-25—
- Matthew 5-7—

2. Is there any significance to the fact Jesus was “seated” as He delivered His message (Matthew 5:1-2)?

3. Matthew 5:3-12 is known as “the Beatitudes.” What does the word “Beatitude” mean? What key word is repeatedly used in this section?

4. The Beatitudes focus on the kingdom character one must possess to truly follow Jesus. What does it mean to be “*poor in spirit*” (Matthew 5:3; see also 18:3-4)? What is the opposite of this trait (notice the contrast in Luke 18:9-14; Revelation 3:18-19)? According to Isaiah 57:15; 62:1-2 what will one who is “lowly in spirit” be willing to do?

5. What type of “mourning” is being commended in Matthew 5:4? In what situation does David display this characteristic (Psalm 32:4-5; 51:3-4)? What does “sin” do which requires we mourn (Isaiah 53:1-2; Romans 6:23)? How does James see a lack of mourning in the brethren as he writes James 4:1-10?

Wednesday Bible Study

6. What does it mean to be “*meek*?” Does “*meek*” mean we are “weak?” How does Abraham exhibit “meekness” in Genesis 13:8-9? What is “meek” about Moses (as noted in Numbers 12:3)? What would you say was “meek” about Jesus (as He notes in Matthew 11:29)?

7. What does a “hungry” person do? Think of an example. What does it mean we will be willing to do if we “*hunger and thirst for righteousness*” (Matthew 5:6; 7:7-11; cp. Psalm 42:1-2)?

8. Jesus also commends the “*merciful*” person (Matthew 5:7). What is the opposite of “*mercy*?” What does Jesus teach will be the result for one who shows a lack of mercy (Matthew 6:14-15; 18:21-35)? How does the Samaritan demonstrate “*mercy*” (Luke 10: 30-37)?

9. What selfish motives were seen in religious people of the New Testament which indicated an impurity of heart (cp. John 12:5-6; 12:42-43; Matthew 23:25-28)? What qualities can lead us to not be “*pure in heart*?”

10. Jesus is called the “*Prince of _____*” (Isaiah 9:6-7). What are His followers also known for according to Matthew 5:9? How can we try to make peace with our enemies (Romans 12:18-21)?

11. The followers of Jesus will be “*persecuted for righteousness’ sake*” (Matthew 5:10). What types of persecution can we expect according to v. 11 (see also Acts 14:21-22; Philippians 1:29-30; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:12-13)? Why, ultimately, should we “*rejoice*” in trials (Luke 6:22-23)?