

## (17) Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:1–7:29; Lk. 6:20–49)

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1. Chapters 5–7 form the first lengthy discourse in Matthew—the Sermon on the Mount. Five great discourses in Matthew:
  - a. Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:1–7:29).
  - b. Mission of the Disciples (Matt. 9:35–10:42).
  - c. Parables of the Kingdom (Matt. 13:1–53).
  - d. Parables of Discipleship (Matt. 18:1–18:35).
  - e. Mt. Olivet Discourse (Matt. 24:1–25:46).
2. Jesus primarily taught His disciples (Matt. 5:1b), but the crowds were also in audience (Matt. 5:1a; 7:28,29).
  - a. μαθητής mathētēs <sup>#3101</sup><sub>261x</sub>: *learner, pupil, disciple*.
  - b. οἱ ὄχλοι hoi ochloi masc.pl. ὄχλος ochlos <sup>#3793</sup><sub>174x</sub>: *crowd, throng, multitude*.
3. The Lord began His sermon with the Beatitudes (Matt. 5:3–12). μακάριος makarios <sup>#3107</sup><sub>50x</sub>: *blessed, happy*.
  - a. The Beatitudes are centered on the Kingdom of Heaven. They are descriptive of the comfort and mercy the believers will receive after the Tribulation when the Earth is inherited at the beginning of the Millennium.
  - b. The shift from “they” to “you” highlights the circumstances the Disciples/Apostles would experience prior to the Kingdom of Heaven appearing on Earth.
4. The Beatitudes are followed by the Similitudes (Matt. 5:13–17).
  - a. Salt represents the ministry of believers in temporal-life as a seasoning and preservative element in society.
  - b. Light represents the ministry of believers as spiritual-life witnesses to God’s work in and through us.
5. Jesus gave the longest portion of the Sermon as an explanation of how the Old Testament will be applied in the Kingdom (Matt. 5:17–46).
  - a. The work-assignment of Jesus Christ in His 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Advents was not (and will not be) to abolish the Law or the message of the prophets (Matt. 5:17).
  - b. The passing of the Law will occur with the passing away of heaven & earth (Matt. 5:17; 24:35; Heb. 8:13).
  - c. The work-assignment of Jesus Christ in His 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Advents was (and will be) to fulfill the Law and the Prophets.
  - d. Rank in the Kingdom of Heaven is established as a reward for faithful obedience to the Law’s commandments, but the standard for righteousness will surpass the standard of the scribes and Pharisees (Matt. 5:19,20).
  - e. Kingdom Law will be an intensification of Mosaic Law to include the mental attitude sins which produce the overt activity sins of commission and omission (Matt. 5:21–47).
6. The summary statement: our goal is the Father’s perfection (Matt. 5:48; cp. Lev. 19:2). τέλειος teleios <sup>#5046</sup><sub>19x</sub>: *finished, perfect, mature*.
7. Chapter 6 continues the Sermon on the Mount with practical messages for believers to live their “perfect” life.
8. Our greater-than-Pharisaical-righteousness is to be practiced before God in Heaven (Matt. 6:1–18).
  - a. In giving (Matt. 6:2–4).
  - b. In prayer (Matt. 6:5–8).
  - c. In fasting (Matt. 6:16–18).

9. The (so-called) Lord's Prayer (Matt. 6:9-15) is actually the new disciple's prayer. It establishes prayer-principles for new believers to follow.
  - a. Adoration before the Heavenly Father.
  - b. Anticipation of His coming kingdom.
  - c. Assent to His will.
  - d. Acceptance of His daily provision.
  - e. Awareness of His forgiveness.
  - f. Abstinence from evil.
10. Our heart should be focused on Heaven, where our treasure is stored up (Matt. 6:19-21).
11. Our perspective should be kept clear as we serve the LORD and reject the master of darkness (Matt. 6:22-24).
12. Our temporal-life circumstances & details are in the Father's hands, so we can relax and concentrate on spiritual matters as we walk by faith day-by-day (Matt. 6:25-34).
13. The Sermon on the Mount continues with the message that we are not called upon to sit in judgment over one another (Matt. 7:1-5).
14. Neither are we to sit in judgment over unbelievers (Matt. 7:6). They don't need the holy pearls of God's Word; they need the simple Gospel message. Until they are redeemed and transformed they will hate the holy pearls of God's Word.
15. Our prayer life is guaranteed by a loving Heavenly Father Who delights in providing for us (Matt. 7:7-11).
16. The Sermon on the Mount also featured many other well-known teachings of Christ (Matt. 7:12-20):
  - a. The Golden Rule (v.12).
  - b. The narrow & broad gates (vv.13,14).
  - c. Wolves in sheep's clothing (v.15).
  - d. Know them by their fruit (vv.16-20).
17. The Sermon closes with two warnings (Matt. 7:21-27).
  - a. Entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven is not based upon what we have done for the Lord, but what He has done for us (vv.21-23).
  - b. The strength of our house is dependent upon living the Word of God (vv.24-27).
18. The crowds were stunned by the teachings of Jesus because they had never heard the Word taught with such authority (Matt. 7:28,29).