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SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Matthew 5-7

“The King’s Inaugural Address”

STUDY NUMBER ONE – MATTHEW 5:1-12

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v. 1 And when He saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

v. 2 And opening His mouth He was teaching them, saying,

v. 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

v. 4 Blessed are those who are mourning, for they shall be comforted.

v. 5 Blessed are the gentle (unassuming), for they shall inherit the earth.

v. 6 Blessed are those who are hungering and thirsting for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

v. 7 Blessed are those who are merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

v. 8 Blessed are those who are pure in heart, for they shall see God.

v. 9 Blessed are those who are making peace, for they shall be called sons of God.

v. 10 Blessed are those who have been persecuted on account of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

v. 11 Blessed are you when they shall heap insults upon you and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of me.

v. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because your reward in heaven is great, for in this manner they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Matthew 5:1-12 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What do you think is the meaning of the phrase “poor in spirit” in verse 3?

3. Why are the mourning to be blessed, according to verse 4?

4. What is the inheritance of the “gentle,” according to verse 5?

5. What is the promise for “those who are hungering and thirsting for righteousness,” according to verse 6?

6. What is the anticipation for the “pure in heart,” according to verse 8?

7. What is the blessing for “those who are making peace,” according to verse 9?

8. What is the glorious anticipation for those who are insulted and persecuted for righteousness’ sake, according to verse 12?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: It is the poor in spirit who inherit the kingdom.

LESSON #2: The God of all comfort comes to those who mourn.

LESSON #3: The Lord protects the rights of the gentle.

LESSON #4: A hungering and thirsting soul for righteousness is a manifestation of spiritual health.

LESSON #5: Suffering for the Savior involves a great reward.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TWO – MATTHEW 5:13-16**NOTES**

v. 13 You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty again? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

v. 14 You are the light of the world. A city situated on top of a mountain is not able to be hidden.

v. 15 Nor are men lighting a lamp and putting it under a bowl, but on the lampstand; and it is giving light to all who are in the house.

v. 16 In the same manner let your light shine before men in order that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Matthew 5:13-16 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. How are we characterized in verse 13?

3. Like salt, how can we as Christians become tasteless?

4. How are we characterized in verse 14?

5. Compare Philippians 2:14, 15 with verse 14 of this present study.

6. What are men doing with their lights, according to verse 15?

7. What are we commanded to do, according to verse 16?

8. What is the purpose behind letting our light shine, according to verse 16?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: We as Christians are to be salt and light to the world.

LESSON #2: It is possible for the salt to lose its effectiveness.

LESSON #3: We are not to allow our light to be hidden.

LESSON #4: The purpose for our light shining is that they may see our good works and glorify our Father who is in heaven.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER THREE – MATTHEW 5:17-20

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v. 17 Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.

v. 18 For truly I am saying to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one smallest letter nor smallest letter-marking shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished.

v. 19 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments and shall teach men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever shall do and teach them, this one shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

v. 20 For I am saying to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Matthew 5:17-20 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What did Christ come to do in relationship to the Law, according to verse 17?

3. What is the promise of verse 18 in relationship to the Law?

4. What is the destiny of those who break the “least of these commandments,” according to verse 19?

5. What is the promise for those who “do and teach them,” according to verse 19?

6. What does Jesus say about our “righteousness,” according to verse 20?

7. Read Romans 1:16, 17 and state what happens when Christ comes into the life by faith.

8. Explain Galatians 3:21, 22 in light of verse 20.

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Christ came to fulfill the Law and the prophets.

LESSON #2: Not one work will pass away unfulfilled.

LESSON #3: We are to be doing before we are teaching the Scripture.

LESSON #4: There is a righteousness by faith available in Jesus Christ that exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FOUR – MATTHEW 5:21-48

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I. ANGER—verses 21-26

v. 21 You heard that it was said by those of a previous time, 'You shall not commit murder,' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court;'
v. 22 but I am saying to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever shall say to his brother, 'Raca,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever shall say, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the hell of fire.
v. 23 If, therefore, you are bringing your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother is having something against you,
v. 24 leave there your gift before the altar, and go your way, first be reconciled to your brother, and then having come, be offering your gift.
v. 25 Make friends quickly with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way; in order that your opponent may not deliver you to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and into prison you are thrown.

II. ADULTERY—verses 27-30

v. 26 Truly, I am saying to you, you shall not come out of there, until you have paid up the last cent.
v. 27 You heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'
v. 28 But I am saying to you that everyone who is looking on a woman to lust for her already committed adultery with her in his heart.
v. 29 And if your right eye is causing you to stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you that one of the parts of your body perish, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.
v. 30 And if your right hand is causing you to stumble, cut it off and throw it from you, for it is better for you that one of the parts of your body perish, than for your whole body to go into hell.

III. DIVORCE—verses 31-32

v. 31 And it was said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give to her a certificate of dismissal.'
v. 32 But I am saying to you, that everyone who is divorcing his wife except in a case of unchastity, is causing her to commit adultery; and whoever marries her who has been divorced is committing adultery.

NOTES**IV. FALSE VOWS—verses 33-37**

v. 33 Again, you heard that it was said by those of a previous time, 'You shall not make false vows, but you shall fulfill your vows to the Lord.'

v. 34 But I am saying to you, make no oath at all; either by heaven, because it is the throne of God;

v. 35 or by the earth, because it is the footstool of His feet; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

v. 36 Nor shall you make an oath by your head, because you are not able to make one hair white or black.

v. 37 But let your statement be, 'Yes! Yes!' or 'No! No!' and anything beyond these is of evil.

V. THE LAW OF RETRIBUTION—verses 38-42

v. 38 You heard that it was said: 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.'

v. 39 But I am saying to you, do not resist him who is evil; but whoever is slapping you on the right cheek, turn to him also the other.

v. 40 And if anyone is wanting to sue you, and take your shirt, let him have your coat also.

v. 41 And whoever shall force you to go one mile, go with him two.

v. 42 To the one who is asking of you, give, and do not turn away from him who is desiring to borrow from you.

VI. LOVE YOUR ENEMY—verses 43-48

v. 43 You heard that it was said: 'You shall love your friend, and hate your enemy.'

v. 44 But I am saying to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who are persecuting you;

v. 45 in order that you may show yourselves to be sons of your Father who is in heaven; because His sun is shining on the evil and the good, and is causing it to rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

v. 46 For if you are loving those who are loving you, what reward are you having? Are not even the tax gatherers doing the same?

v. 47 And if you are greeting your brothers only, what reward are you having? Are not even the Gentiles doing the same?

v. 48 Therefore you are to be complete in your character, even as your heavenly Father is complete in His being.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Matthew 5:21-48 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. How does Jesus modify the Law in this section?

3. What are the instructions for those who have a difference with their brother when they come with their gift to the altar?

4. What does Jesus command you to do with the offending member of the body, according to verses 29 & 30?

5. Summarize Jesus' teaching on divorce, according to verses 31 & 32.

6. What are you supposed to do when someone slaps you on the face, according to verse 39?

7. What is your responsibility to one who is asking you to give, according to verse 42?

8. What does He admonish us to do, according to verse 44?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Man looks on the outward appearance but God looks on the heart.

LESSON #2: The Mosaic Law deals with action. Christ deals with attitude.

LESSON #3: We are commanded to love our enemies and pray for those who are persecuting us.

LESSON #4: These six requirements of the law of Christ can only be produced in the power of the Spirit.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FIVE – MATTHEW 6:1-18**NOTES**

v. 1 Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you are not having a reward with your Father who is in heaven.

I. GIVING—verses 2-4

v. 2 Therefore when you are practicing your charitable giving, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the play-actors are doing in the synagogues and in the streets, in order that they may be honored by men. Assuredly, I am saying to you, they are having their reward and the receipt for the same in full.

v. 3 But when you are practicing your charitable giving, do not allow your left hand to know what your right hand is doing,

v. 4 in order that your charitable giving may be in secret; and your Father who is seeing in secret will reward you.

II. PRAYING—verses 5-15

v. 5 And whenever you are praying, you are not to be as the play-actors; because they are loving to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners, in order that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I am saying to you, they are having their reward and the receipt for the same in full.

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v. 6 But, as for you, whenever you are praying, enter into your secret room, and having closed your door, pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who is seeing in secret will reward you.

v. 7 And when you are praying, do not repeat the same thing over and over as the Gentiles do, for they are thinking that they will be heard for their many words.

v. 8 Therefore do not be like them, for your Father is knowing what you are having need of before you ask Him.

v. 9 Therefore, as for you, in this manner be praying: 'Our Father who is in heaven, let your name be held in reverence,

v. 10 Let your kingdom come, let your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

v. 11 Give us today our bread for the coming day.

v. 12 And forgive us our moral debts (sins), as we also have forgiven those morally obligated to us.

v. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.'

v. 14 For if you forgive men for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

v. 15 But if you do not forgive men, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions.

III. FASTING—verses 16-18

v. 16 And whenever you are fasting, stop being like the play-actors of a sad and gloomy countenance, for they are masking their faces in order that they may appear to men as those who are fasting. Assuredly, I am saying to you, they are having their reward and the receipt for the same in full.

v. 17 But you, when you are fasting, anoint your head, and wash your face;

v. 18 in order that you may not appear to men to be fasting, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who is seeing in secret will repay you.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Matthew 6:1-18 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What are we to "beware of," according to verse 1?

3. How are we to practice our charitable giving, according to verses 2-4?

4. What are the instructions about praying, according to verses 5-8?

5. Outline the petitions in the model prayer from verses 9-13.

6. What is our responsibility in relationship to forgiveness, according to verses 14 & 15?

7. How are we to be handling our desire to fast, according to verses 16-18?

8. What is the Father's response on each occasion when the giving, praying, and fasting are done in secret, as opposed to doing it openly?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Giving, praying and fasting are to be matters of private concern between you and your heavenly Father.

LESSON #2: There is a loss of reward with public demonstration of these private disciplines.

LESSON #3: Prayer is to be brief and to the point, because you are speaking to your Father.

LESSON #4: God's glory is to be the top priority in our prayer life.

LESSON #5: When you are fasting, reflect the glory of the Lord in your face.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER SIX – MATTHEW 6:19-34

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I. WEALTH—verses 19-21

v. 19 Stop accumulating treasures for yourselves upon the earth, where moth and rust are destroying, and where thieves are breaking in and stealing.

v. 20 But be accumulating for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust is destroying, and where thieves are not breaking in nor stealing;

v. 21 for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

II. VISION—verses 22-23

v. 22 The lamp of the body is the eye; if therefore your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light.

v. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light which is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness.

III. WEALTH—verse 24

v. 24 No one is able to be serving two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and he will treat with contempt the other. You are not able to be rendering a slave's obedience to God and to a passion for accumulating wealth.

IV. WORRY—verses 25-34

v. 25 For this reason I am saying to you, stop worrying about your life, what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor about your body, with what you shall put on. Is not the life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

v. 26 Look at the birds of the heaven, that they are not sowing seed, neither are they reaping, nor are they collecting into granaries; and yet your heavenly Father is feeding them. Are you not worth much more than they?

v. 27 Moreover, who is there of you who by worrying is able to put to his height eighteen inches?

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v. 28 And concerning clothing, why are you worrying? Observe the lilies of the field, how they are growing; they are not laboring nor are they spinning.

v. 29 But I am saying to you, that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself as one of these.

v. 30 But if God so arrays the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more do so for you, O men of little faith?

v. 31 Therefore, stop worrying, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'With what shall we clothe ourselves?'

v. 32 For all these things the Gentiles are diligently seeking; for your heavenly Father is knowing that you are needing all these things.

v. 33 But be seeking first the kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be provided for you.

v. 34 Therefore, stop worrying about tomorrow; for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Matthew 6:19-34 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Why are we to be "accumulating treasures for ourselves in heaven," according to verse 21?

3. What do you think Jesus means by verses 22 & 23?

4. State the problem of verse 24 in your own words.

5. Why are we to stop worrying about our lives, what we will eat, what we will drink or what we will put on, according to verse 25?

6. What should our attitude be about all these things, according to verse 30?

7. Who knows our needs, according to verse 32; and what are we supposed to be doing, according to verse 33?

8. Why are we asked to stop worrying about tomorrow, according to verse 34?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

Lesson #1: We should not be accumulating treasures on earth.

Lesson #2: Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Lesson #3: You cannot have two top priorities in your life at the same time.

Lesson #4: Three times we're told not to worry.

Lesson #5: At the heart of all worry is unbelief in God's ability.

Lesson #6: Our top priority is to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Lesson #7: God has promised daily grace and strength, but not any for tomorrow until it comes.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER SEVEN – MATTHEW 7:1-14**NOTES**

v. 1 Stop judging in order that you may not be judged.

v. 2 For in the way you are judging, you will be judged; and by what measure you are measuring, it shall be measured to you.

v. 3 And why are you looking at the speck of wood in the eye of your brother and not noticing the log that is in your own eye?

v. 4 Or how is it that you will say to your brother: 'Let me take the speck of wood out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye?

v. 5 You play-actor, first take the log out of your own eye; and then you will see clearly to take the speck of wood out of the eye of your brother.

v. 6 Do not give that which is holy to the dogs, and do not throw your pearls before the hogs, lest they are trampling them under their feet, and having turned, tear you to pieces.

v. 7 Keep on asking, and it shall be given to you; keep on seeking, and you shall find; keep on knocking, and it shall be opened to you.

v. 8 For everyone who is asking is receiving; and he who is seeking is finding; and to him who is knocking, it shall be opened.

v. 9 Or what man is there among you, who, should his son ask for a loaf of bread, he will not give him a stone, will he?

v. 10 Or should he also ask for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he?

v. 11 If you therefore, being evil, are knowing how to be giving good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who are asking Him?

v. 12 Therefore, all things whatever you are desiring men to be doing for you, in the same manner also you be doing for them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

v. 13 Enter through the narrow gate; because the gate is wide and the way is broad that is leading to destruction, and many there are who are entering through it.

v. 14 Because the gate is small and the way is narrow that is leading to life, and few are those who are finding it.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Matthew 7:1-14 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Why are we to stop judging one another, according to verse 2?

3. Describe in your own words the meaning of Jesus' illustration of the speck and the log as it relates to a critical spirit in verses 3-5.

4. What is the meaning of verse 6?

5. What three things are we asked to do in verse 7?

6. What are the promises in verse 8?

7. What are we challenged to do in verse 12?

8. What is the meaning of verses 13 & 14?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The measure of judgment that we use with others will be used against us.

LESSON #2: We are commanded to stop judging.

LESSON #3: Let love replace the critical spirit in your life.

LESSON #4: It's awfully hard to criticize somebody you're praying for.

LESSON #5: Come in through the narrow gate because it leads to life.

LESSON #6: We are warned to be careful to whom we give our message of salvation.

LESSON #7: Asking, seeking, and knocking should be the pattern of our lives.

LESSON #8: The Father gives good things to those who are asking.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER EIGHT – MATTHEW 7:15-29

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v. 15 Beware of the false prophets, who are coming to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

v. 16 By their fruits you will recognize them. They are not gathering grapes from thornbushes, nor figs from thistles, are they?

v. 17 In the same manner every good tree is bearing good fruit; but the rotten tree is bearing bad fruit.

v. 18 A good tree is not able to produce bad fruit, neither is a rotten tree able to produce good fruit.

v. 19 Every tree which is not producing good fruit is cut down and is thrown into the fire.

v. 20 So then, you will recognize them by their fruits.

v. 21 Not everyone who is saying to me, 'Lord! Lord!' shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he who is doing the will of my Father who is in heaven.

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v. 22 Many shall say to me on that day, 'Lord! Lord! did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name cast out demons and in your name perform many miracles?'

v. 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never came to know you. Be going away from me, you who are practicing lawlessness.'

v. 24 Therefore everyone who is hearing these words of mine, and is doing them, shall be likened to a wise man who built his house upon the rock;

v. 25 and the rains came down, and the rivers came, and the winds blew, and beat against that house; and it did not fall; for it had been founded upon the rock.

v. 26 And everyone who is hearing these words of mine and is not doing them, shall be likened to a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand.

v. 27 And the rain came down, and the rivers came, and the winds blew, and beat against that house; and it fell, and great was its fall."

v. 28 And it came to pass that when Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were struck with astonishment by His teaching;

v. 29 for He was teaching them as one who is possessing authority, and not as their scribes.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Matthew 7:15-29 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What are we warned about in verse 15?

3. How will we recognize them, according to verse 16?

4. What is the warning of verse 21?

5. What is the warning of verse 22?

6. Who is the wise man who builds his “house upon the rock,” according to verse 24?

7. Who is the foolish man who builds his “house upon the sand,” and what happens to his house, according to verses 26 & 27?

8. What is the response of the crowds, according to verse 28?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Beware of false prophets who are coming to you in sheep’s clothing.

LESSON #2: You can recognize the false by their fruits.

LESSON #3: “Not everyone who is saying to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter into the kingdom of heaven.”

LESSON #4: The emphasis in the concluding statements of the sermon is upon obedience.

LESSON #5: Our lives needed to be founded upon the Rock, Jesus Christ.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:
