

Preaching the Disciple Life
“Sermon on the Mount: Intro, Thesis”
Matthew 5:1-16

The Sermon on the Mount presents the profile of an authentic follower of Christ. This description is not offered as a sort of ethical creed for society at large. Rather, these ideals can only be lived out in an obedience based on a personal relationship with Jesus. These principles challenge us, but they are not beyond reach as we walk in the power of the Spirit within us.

1. Introduction: New Definition of Blessing (vv.1-12)

- **Paradox of Position (vv.3-5)**

- **Paradox of Priority (vv.6, 7)**

- **Paradox of Perspective (vv.8-12)**

2. Thesis: God’s Desire for the Nations (vv.13-16)

- **The Disciple’s Influence (v.13)**

- **The Disciple’s Duty (vv.14-16)**