

WOMEN IN THE WORD FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Scripture Reference Notes

Week 3: Faithful Witness and the Fulfillment of Scriptures

Review

The setting -

The purpose -

The audience -

The Beatitudes -

Matthew 5:13-16 complete the introduction portion of the sermon. Verses 17-20 introduce the body of the sermon on righteousness.

Salt

Matthew 5:13 – You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

Uses for salt:

Preservative –

Flavor enhancer –

Sacrifices were sprinkled with salt – Leviticus 2:13

Salt was a symbol of a covenant

Numbers 18:19b – covenant of salt forever

2 Chronicles 13:5 – indicates faithfulness to a binding agreement – a permanent provision

Washing newborns – Ezekial 16:4

Light

Matthew 5:14-16 – You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to the whole house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Darkness – Darkness is a result of disinterest in God, rebellion against Him, and unwillingness to do what He says. Allistair Begg

Salt stops deterioration – light renews.

Christian character leads to action that influences our world. We are blessed, others are led to salvation, and God is glorified.

Fulfillment of Scripture and Call to Greater Righteousness – Matthew 5:17-20

Matthew 5:17 – Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Mark 3:1-6 – Jesus heals on the sabbath

Luke 6:1-5 – Jesus allows his disciples to pick grain on the sabbath

The Law – the entire Old Testament

The law and the prophets – The law – Genesis through Deuteronomy

The prophets – historical and prophetic books

Fulfill – To give full obedience to – carry out everything that has been stated in the law and the prophets. To complete; to fill up entirely.

Galatians 4:4 – But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law.

Hebrews 10:14 – For by a single offering, he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Matthew 5:18 – For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

Until all is accomplished – points to that which Jesus has already done in his birth, death, and resurrection and finally in his second coming.

Matthew 5:19 – Therefore, whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Acts 10:9-16 – Peter's Dream – No need for dietary laws

Hebrews 10:14 – Jesus as the perfect sacrifice does away with the sacrificial system.

Matthew 5:20 – For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

God's grace in the law – For the unbeliever, the law points to Jesus for justification. For the believer, Jesus points back to the law for sanctification.

Jeremiah 31:33 – For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD. I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Ezekial 36:27 – And I will put my spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Matthew 5:6 – Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Next Week
Week 4 – True Righteousness (Pt 1) Anger and Lust