



# **SERMON ON THE MOUNT**

**“Righteousness in Practice”**  
**Matthew 6:1-4**

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## **Big Idea**

**Jesus Christ has set the standard for service and sacrifice. Therefore, the Christian does neither in hopes of being seen by others, but seeks to honor God in their practice of righteousness.**

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**<sup>14</sup> Depart from evil and do good;  
Seek peace and pursue it.**

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<sup>22</sup> But become doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for once he looked at himself and has gone away, he immediately forgot what kind of person he was.

James 1:22-24

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**<sup>12</sup> At this time, after so many thousands of the crowd had gathered together that they were trampling on one another, He began saying to His disciples first, “Be on your guard for the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.**

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**- When the practice of righteousness is made about us, how does that honor God?**

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**<sup>16</sup> Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.**

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**- It is the hypocrite who yearns for the glory of men and seeks their reward now.**

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<sup>13</sup> Then the Lord said,  
“Because this people draw near with their  
    mouth And honor Me with their lips,  
    But they remove their hearts far from Me,  
And their fear of Me is in the command of men  
    learned by rote,

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<sup>10</sup> For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a slave of Christ.

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**<sup>13</sup> And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are uncovered and laid bare to the eyes of Him to whom we have an account to give.**

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**- When you are in the Kingdom, you will act like you know the king.**

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**<sup>5</sup> For in the day of calamity He will conceal me in His shelter; In the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock.**

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**- Bonhoeffer- “such grace is costly because it calls us to follow and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life and it is Grace because it gives a man the only true life”**

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**<sup>24</sup> However, the king said to Araunah, “No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price, for I will not offer burnt offerings to Yahweh my God which cost me nothing.” So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. 25 Then David built there an altar to Yahweh and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. Thus Yahweh was moved by the entreaty for the land, and the plague was checked from being upon Israel.**

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**45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”**

**Mark 10:45**

**9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though being rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.**

**2 Corinthians 8:9**

**7 but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a slave, by being made in the likeness of men.**

**8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**

**Philippians 2:7-8**

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**The gospel is the good news that the just and gracious God of the universe looked upon hopelessly sinful people and sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, God in human flesh, to bear His wrath against sin on the cross and to show His power over sin in the resurrection so that everyone who turns from their sin (repentance) and believes in Him (faith) will be reconciled to God forever.**