## Session 8: The Sermon on the Mount (Part 2)

## Matthew 6:5-7:29; Luke 6:37-49

### Matthew 6:5-34

- 5 "And when you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.
- 6 "But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.
- 7 "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.
- 8 "Therefore, do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.
- 9 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
- 10 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.
- 11 'Give us this day our daily bread.
- 12 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- 13 'And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.']
- 14 "For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
- 15 "But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.
- 16 "Now whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites *do*, for they neglect their appearance so that they will be noticed by men when they are fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.
- 17 "But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face
- 18 so that your fasting will not be noticed by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.
- 19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.
- 20 "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;
- 21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- 22 "The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.

- 23 "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!
- 24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.
- 25 "For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?
- 26 "Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and *yet* your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?
- 27 "And who of you by being worried can add a single cubit to his life span?
- 28 "And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin,
- 29 yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these.
- 30 "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is *alive* today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, *will He* not much more *clothe* you? You of little faith!
- 31 "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?'
- 32 "For all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.
- 33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
- 34 "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Matthew 7:1-29	Luke 6:37-49
<ol> <li>"Do not judge, so that you will not be judged.</li> <li>"For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with what measure you measure, it will be measured to you.</li> </ol>	37 "And do not judge, and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned.  38 "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."

- "And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?
- "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye?
- 5 "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.
- 6 "Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.
- 7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
- 8 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.
- 9 "Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone?
- 10 "Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he?
- 11 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

- 39 And He also spoke a parable to them: "Can a blind man guide a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit?
- 40 "A student is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.
- 41 "And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?
- 42 "How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

- 12 "Therefore, in all things, whatever you want people to do for you, so do for them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.
- 13 "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.
- 14 "For the gate is narrow and the way is constricted that leads to life, and there are few who find it.
- 15 "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.
- 16 "You will know them by their fruits.

  Are grapes gathered from thorn
  bushes or figs from thistles?
- 17 "Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit.
- 18 "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.
- 19 "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
- 20 "So then, you will know them by their fruits.

- 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.
- 22 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, in Your name did we not prophesy, and in Your name cast out

- 43 "For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit, nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit.
- 44 "For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a bramble bush.
- 45 "The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil *man* out of the evil *treasure* brings forth what is evil. For his mouth speaks from the abundance of his heart.
- 46 "Now why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?

- demons, and in Your name do many miracles?'
- 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'
- 24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and does them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.
- 25 "And the rain descended, and the rivers came, and the winds blew and fell against that house; and *yet* it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.
- 26 "And everyone hearing these words of Mine and not doing them, may be compared to a foolish man who built his house on the sand.
- 27 "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall."
- 28 Now it happened that when Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were astonished at His teaching;
- 29 for He was teaching them as *one* having authority, and not as their scribes.

- 47 "Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and does them, I will show you whom he is like:
- 48 he is like a man building a house, who dug and went deep, and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the river burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.
- 49 "But the one who heard and did not do accordingly, is like a man who built a house on the ground without any foundation; and the river burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great."

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#### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. Jesus told His disciples not to worry about physical needs like food and clothing, but to seek His righteousness and He would meet their needs. Is His word applicable to us? Have you experienced such divine provision in your life?
- 2. How do you interpret the parable of building your house on sand or on a rock? How are you building your house? Can you identify someone who built on sand? What were the consequences?
- 3. Jesus said that not everyone who calls Him, "Lord, Lord" will enter the kingdom of heaven. In addition, Jesus said that He will tell them to depart because He never knew them. Does His word cause you any concern? Why?