

Session 7: The Sermon on the Mount (Part 1)

“Kingdom Living”

Matthew 5-6:4; Luke 6:36

Matthew 5:1-12	Luke 6:17-23
<p>1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.</p> <p>2 And He opened His mouth and <i>began to teach them, saying,</i></p> <p>3 “Blessed are the poor <u>in spirit</u>, for <u>theirs</u> is the kingdom of heaven.</p> <p>4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall <u>be comforted</u>.</p> <p>5 Blessed are the lowly, for they shall inherit the earth.</p> <p>6 Blessed are those <u>who hunger and thirst for righteousness</u>, for they shall <u>be satisfied</u>.</p> <p>7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.</p> <p>8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.</p> <p>9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.</p> <p>10 Blessed are those who have been <u>persecuted for the sake of</u></p>	<p>17 And Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place; and <i>there was a large crowd of His disciples, and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon,</i></p> <p>18 who had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were being cured.</p> <p>19 And all the crowd was trying to touch Him, for power was coming from Him and healing <i>them</i> all.</p> <p>20 And turning His gaze toward His disciples, He <i>began to say,</i> “Blessed are the poor, <u>for yours</u> is the kingdom of God.</p> <p>21 Blessed <i>are</i> those <u>who hunger now</u>, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed <i>are</i> those who cry <u>now</u>, for you shall <u>laugh</u>.</p> <p>22 Blessed are you when men hate you, and exclude you, and insult you, and <u>scorn your name as evil</u>, for the sake of the Son of Man.</p> <p>23 “Be glad in that day and leap <i>for joy</i>, for behold, <u>your reward is great in heaven</u>. For their fathers were doing the same things to the prophets.</p>

<p>righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.</p> <p>11 “Blessed are you when <i>people</i> insult you and persecute you, and <u>falsely say all kinds of evil</u> against you because of Me.</p> <p>12 “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.</p>	
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Luke 6:24-26

- 24 “But woe to you who are rich, for you are receiving your comfort in full.
- 25 Woe to you who are well-fed now, for you shall be hungry. Woe *to you* who laugh now, for you shall mourn and cry.
- 26 Woe *to you* when all men speak well of you, for their fathers were doing the same things to the false prophets.

(Ephesians 5:14 – “Wake up!”)

Matthew 5:13-37

- 13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.
- 14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;
- 15 nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.
- 16 “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.
- 17 “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.
- 18 “For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.
- 19 “Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others *to do* the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
- 20 “For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

- 21 “You have heard that the ancients were told, ‘YOU SHALL NOT MURDER’ and ‘Whoever murders shall be guilty before the court.’
- 22 “But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca,’ shall be guilty before the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, ‘You fool,’ shall be guilty *enough to go* into the fiery hell.
- 23 “Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,
- 24 leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.
- 25 “Make friends quickly with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way, so that your opponent may not hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.
- 26 “Truly I say to you, you will not come out of there until you have paid up the last quadrans.
- 27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY’;
- 28 but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
- 29 “But if your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.
- 30 “And if your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.
- 31 “Now it was said, ‘WHOEVER SENDS HIS WIFE AWAY, LET HIM GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE’;
- 32 but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the reason of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.
- 33 “Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, ‘YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FALSE VOWS, BUT SHALL FULFILL YOUR VOWS TO THE LORD.’
- 34 “But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,
- 35 or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING.
- 36 “Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

37 “But let your statement be, ‘Yes, yes’, or ‘No, no’; anything beyond these is of the evil one.

Matthew 5:38-48	Luke 6:27-38
<p>38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.’</p> <p>39 “But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.</p> <p>40 “And if anyone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your garment also.</p> <p>41 “And whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two.</p> <p>42 “Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.</p> <p>43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.’</p> <p>44 “But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,</p> <p>45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on <i>the</i> evil and <i>the</i> good and sends rain on <i>the</i> righteous and <i>the</i> unrighteous.</p> <p>46 “For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?</p> <p>47 “And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing <i>than others</i>? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?</p> <p>48 “Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.</p>	<p>27 “But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who <u>hate you</u>,</p> <p>28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who disparage you.</p> <p>29 “Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your garment, do not withhold your tunic from him either.</p> <p>30 “Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back.</p> <p>31 “And treat others the same way you want them to treat you.</p> <p>32 “And if you love those who love you, what credit is <i>that</i> to you? For even sinners love those who love them.</p> <p>33 “And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is <i>that</i></p>

	<p>to you? For even sinners do the same.</p> <p>34 “And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is <i>that</i> to you? Even sinners lend to sinners in order to receive back the same <i>amount</i>.</p> <p>35 “But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to the ungrateful and evil.</p> <p>36 “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.</p>
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Matthew 6:1-4

- 1 “Beware of doing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise, you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.
- 2 “Therefore, when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be glorified by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.
- 3 “But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,
- 4 so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

Memory Verse:

“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.

Matthew 5:16

Discussion Questions

1. The beatitudes seem to go against what we would commonly expect: blessed are the poor, lowly, mourn, hungry—have you experienced these seeming contradictions in your life?
2. What did Jesus mean when He called His disciples “salt” and “light?” Do these descriptions apply to us today? How?
3. How can you love your enemies?
4. While all of these things seem to be difficult things to do, are there any that would still be difficult if you knew Jesus was returning today?