

# THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

## A JOURNEY WITH THE KING



The preparation of Jesus Christ is complete and His ministry of teaching, preaching, and making disciples is underway. In Matthew 5-7, we are on a large hillside above Capernaum. Jesus begins teaching his disciples what is true concerning the law of the land for His Kingdom (a *Constitution*). As He preaches, the \_\_\_\_\_ continues to gather and grow around Him and listen intently (Matt. 5:1-2, 7:28-29).

### CONSTITUTION OF THE KINGDOM (PART 1) – Matthew 5:1-16

#### 1. Properly interpreting Jesus' Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5-7

- There is a **right way** to \_\_\_\_\_ God's word and come to right conclusions and **many ways** to bungle it to come to wrong conclusions and tragic consequences – 2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Pet. 1:19-20, 3:16.
- The **Kingdom of Heaven**, the physical reign of Jesus Christ on Earth described as "at hand" in John's and Jesus' preaching (Matt. 3:2, 4:17, 23), is mentioned \_\_\_**X** in the Sermon on the Mount. **The Kingdom of God** is mentioned **1X** and is clearly different – Matt. 5:3, 10, 19-20; 7:21; 8:5-13.
- Consider that in this Sermon about this **coming physical Kingdom**...there is no mention of salvation, no gospel of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection (1 Cor. 15:1-4), no mention of being born again, no New Testament church writings for clarity...and no New Testament church. It is more of a law, or constitutional declaration, about the Kingdom being offered to Israel at this time.
- False religion makes the Sermon on the Mount the **way of salvation** \_\_\_\_\_ without the powerful gospel and indwelling Holy Spirit which allows believers to fulfill these teachings – 1 Cor. 6:19-20.
- A **proper interpretation** is to make doctrinal application to the future 1000-year Millennial reign of Christ when God's Kingdom of Heaven is literally here. However, this sermon is **the mind of Christ** and therefore \_\_\_\_\_ **the mind of the Christian** if appropriate application is made – 1 Cor. 2:16; Php. 4:13; Rom. 13:12-13.

#### 2. Character Qualities & Blessings from God associated with this coming Kingdom (*Be-attitudes*) – v. 3-12

- People are blessed by God, or made \_\_\_\_\_, by possessing nine **internal attitudes** – Gen. 30:13.
- Being **poor in spirit** (v. 3)... God shows Himself strong in those who are broken/contrite (*poor*) in spirit and brings them to this kingdom – Is. 66:2; Ps. 34:18, 51:17; James 2:5-6; Matt. 15:21-28.
- Being a **mourner** (v. 4)... God \_\_\_\_\_ those who mourn – Is. 61:1-3; John 16:20, 33; 14:16-17; 2 Cor. 1:4.
- Being **meek** (v. 5)... Meekness is not weakness in God's eyes. God promises the Earth to the meek – Matt. 11:29; Num. 12:3; Zeph. 2:3; Ps. 37:9, 11.

- *Hungering and thirsting for **righteousness*** (v. 6)... If you want the right things of God, He will \_\_\_\_\_ those desires and much more – Pr. 21:21; Matt. 6:33; Rom. 10:1-4.
- Being ***merciful*** (v. 7)... Showing kindness, tenderness, and benevolence towards the undeserved is the very heart of God. God's seat in Heaven, mirrored in the tabernacle/temple, is called the \_\_\_\_\_ seat – Gen. 19:15-16; Luke 6:36; Mic. 6:8; Lev. 16:14-15; Num. 7:89.
- Being ***pure in heart*** (v. 8)... There is no faking or deceiving God, He sees all, and will only receive those who come to Him with pure heart motives – Heb. 4:13-14; Ps. 24:1-4; 1 Tim. 1:5; 2 Tim. 2:22.
- Being ***peacemakers*** (v. 9)... Conflict is inevitable in this fallen world (and in our churches), but the children of God have been given the capabilities and resources to work things out – Gen. 3:11-13; Matt. 18:15-18; 1 Cor. 6:1-8; Rom. 12:18; Acts 15:36-41; Gal. 2:11-14.
- Being ***persecuted and reviled*** (v. 10-12)... In living rightly for the Lord, we expect the same treatment the prophets, Jesus, the disciples, and the people of God have endured for centuries and at the end, our \_\_\_\_\_ reward in this kingdom – 2 Tim. 3:12, 2:12; Rom. 8:31-37; 1 Pet. 3:16-18.

### 3. The Calling for those associated with this coming Kingdom – v. 13-16

- To be **salt** (v. 13)... Through our Godly nature in Christ, **our lives are a \_\_\_\_\_** for others the same way salt works by design – Mark 9:50; Ps. 34:8.
- To be **light** (v. 14-16)... Through our Godly nature in Christ (*demonstrated by our good works*), we \_\_\_\_\_ the truths of God to the world just **as the sun** – Gen. 1:16; Job 25:5; Is. 60:1-3; 2 Cor. 4:6.