

# THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

## *A JOURNEY WITH THE KING*



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In Matthew 5-7, we are on a large hillside above Capernaum where Jesus is teaching His disciples and a growing crowd the law and order in His coming Kingdom. **The Kingdom of Heaven** is the **physical reign** of Christ on the earth while the **Kingdom of God** is the **spiritual reign** of Christ inside a believer on the earth who has received Him and has the Holy Ghost reigning inside. While these things Jesus describes today seem very difficult, the Kingdom of Heaven will be like nothing ever experienced on Earth. Practically, if we are saved and possess the spiritual Kingdom of God inside, there are \_\_\_\_\_ principles here we can apply.

### CONSTITUTION OF THE KINGDOM (PART 3) – Matthew 5:27-48

1. Kingdom Law concerning Adultery and Divorce – v. 27-32
  - *Ye have heard it said...*in places like Exodus 20:14 and Deuteronomy 5:18, 24:1-4.
  - The old way concerning adultery was related to the physical act. The old way concerning divorce was for any reason. These \_\_\_\_\_ new ways are much more stringent – Job 31:1; Matt. 19:3-11; 1 Cor. 7:15-17, 24-28.
  - There is an interesting, almost out of place, reference inserted here concerning cutting off offensive appendages of the body rather than your whole body being cast into hell – v. 29-30; Mark 9:42-48
2. Kingdom Law concerning Swearing Oaths and Communication – v. 33-37
  - *Ye have heard it said...*in places like Deuteronomy 6:13, 10:20, 23:21-23, and Ecclesiastes 5:4-5.
  - The old way allowed for oaths that were binding before and to God. This new way is to live and speak \_\_\_\_\_ without pretentiousness, to be people of our word – John 1:45-50; James 4:13-16; 5:12; Rom. 13:13; 2 Cor. 8:21; Rev. 14:5.
3. Kingdom Law concerning Retaliation, Disputes, and Lending – v. 38-42
  - *Ye have heard it said...*in places like Deuteronomy 19:15-21, Exodus 21:24, and Leviticus 24:20.
  - The old way concerned fairness and exactness about possessions and disputes, while this new way is to value \_\_\_\_\_ over possessions and paybacks – Php. 2:1-5; Eph. 4:30-32; 1 Pet. 4:7-9.
  - This new way includes no longer resisting evil. In our current world, we are told to resist evil's main power source, the devil. The devil will be removed during the reign of the Kingdom of Heaven on this earth and human interactions will be very different – v. 39; James 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; Rev. 20:1-3.

#### 4. Kingdom Law concerning Enemies – v. 43-48

- *Ye have heard it said...* in places like Leviticus 19:18, Job 31:29-30, and Psalm 139:21.
- The old way involved treating strangers well, but not necessarily your enemies or the enemies of God. This apparent new way is to conquer hatred with love – Lev. 19:34; Rom. 12:18-21; 1 Pet. 2:21-25.
- God is our great example of this character quality. God fights His enemies only when it is time to fight. God is perfect (*complete*) in His understanding, and we are complete as well when we \_\_\_\_\_ to understand this way of thinking as He does – v. 48; John 18:36; Rom. 5:8-10; Psalm 2; 1 Tim. 6:12-15.