

The Sermon on the Mount

Lesson 2 Matthew 5

I. Introduction

A. Outline of the Sermon

1. True Righteousness Pictured by Christ (Character of Christ) – 5:1-48
2. True Righteousness Practiced by Believers (Conduct of True Believers) – 6:1-7:12
3. True Righteousness Proved by Tests (Confirmation of True Conversion) - 7:13-29

B. The preamble to the Sermon on the Mount

1. The theme of the sermon is “The Kingdom of Heaven”
2. Each Beatitude has three parts to it.
 - a. an ascription of blessedness
 - b. a description of the character of the person blessed
 - c. an explanation for this blessedness

C. Jesus teaches how one enters into the Kingdom and how one lives as a Kingdom citizen

1. To enter the Kingdom is to enter into life
2. Matt. 7:13 -
3. Matt. 19:14.16 –

D. The ascription of “blessedness”

1. *Makarios* – happy in spite of circumstances
2. Those who are blessed will generally be profoundly happy, but blessedness can not be reduced to happiness.
3. We can bless God and God can bless us – thus, “blessed” means fundamentally, to be approved by God, to find approval.
4. Whose blessings do you seek?
5. God’s blessing is always correlated with the condition of each Beatitude.

E. The first and last Beatitude promise the same thing

1. An “inclusion” - everything bracketed between the two can really be included under one theme, in this case, the Kingdom of Heaven.
2. The Beatitudes are “The Norms of the Kingdom”

II. Matthew 5

A. The Character and Witness of the Citizens of the Kingdom of God

1. The Character of the Citizens of the Kingdom - The Beatitudes – Matthew 5:1-16

2. The Witness of the Citizens of the Kingdom – Matthew 5:13-16

a. Salt – 5:13

b. Light – 5:14-16

3. The Walk of the Citizen of the Kingdom – Matthew 5:17-48

a. New Righteousness – 5:17-20

b. New Relationships – 5:21-48

i. Anger – 5:21-26

ii. Lust – 5:27-32

iii. Deception – 5:33-37

iv. Retaliation – 5:36-48

B. New Perfection – 5:48