

# ***Sermon on the Mount***

Matthew 5-7; Luke 6:20-49

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## **Point of the Sermon**

Jesus is teaching about the difference between people who have a true relationship with God compared to people who have only hypocritical religious practices. This is His instruction on how people are to live their daily lives while waiting for the kingdom of God. It applied to His original listeners as well as to believers today.

## **Plan of the Sermon**

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| <b>I. True Religion Expressed from the Heart</b>     | 5:1-16   |
| A. The Principles Of Heart Righteousness             | 5:1-12   |
| B. The Purpose Of Heart Righteousness                | 5:13-16  |
| <b>II. True Religion Explained from the Law</b>      | 5:17-48  |
| A. Jesus on Application of the Law                   | 5:17-20  |
| B. Jesus on Anger                                    | 5:21-26  |
| C. Jesus on Adultery                                 | 5:27-32  |
| D. Jesus on Accuracy                                 | 5:33-37  |
| E. Jesus on Altercations                             | 5:38-42  |
| F. Jesus on Adversaries                              | 5:43-48  |
| <b>III. True Religion Emphasized in Our Practice</b> | 6:1-7:12 |
| A. Emphasis on Our Worship                           | 6:1-18   |
| B. Emphasis on Our Wealth                            | 6:19-34  |
| C. Emphasis on Our Walk                              | 7:1-12   |
| <b>IV. True Religion Explicit in Our Preaching</b>   | 7:13-29  |
| A. The Verdict Demanded from You                     | 7:13-14  |
| B. The Voices to Destroy You                         | 7:15-20  |
| C. The Verification of Decoys                        | 7:21-23  |
| D. The Visual of Destinies                           | 7:24-29  |

## **Terms to Know**

(from Matthew 5-7)

5:3 “Blessed” – the root meaning is to beautify and then leads into the idea of being fortunate or being successful

5:13 “Salt” and “Light” – common items that impact things around them. They stop decay and darkness, and picture the testimony of God’s people. Jesus emphasis in this passage is on light and how it shines to enable seeing.

- 5:17 “Destroy” – to dismantle, make unusable; to tear down;  
by implication it means to disannul; or dismiss as unnecessary
- 5:21,22 “Raca” – a term for calling someone a fool; a person who holds no value  
“Fool” – a term for calling someone a reprobate; worthy of death because they are not redeemable; a person who has no hope before God  
“Judgment” – refers to a court of 35 synagogue officials  
“Council” – the Jewish court of the Sanhedrin, and has greater authority  
“Hell Fire” – refers to the constantly burning garbage dump outside Jerusalem. It was the visual picture of the Lake of Fire.
- 5:33 “For swear” – to superimpose conditions on your honesty
- 5:38 “Eye for an eye” – God’s limit on retaliation after a personal injury. You could not inflict more hurt on your offender than they had done to you.
- 5:39 “Turn the other cheek” – An offended person had a legal right to slap one who insulted them. Jesus teaches to accept a second slap for the sake of achieving heartfelt forgiveness. This gives a greater sense of justice to the offended person and thus promotes reconciliation.
- 5:48 “Perfect” – mature or finished. To be a mature involves the issues of anger, moral purity, honesty, broken relationships, and loving our enemies.
- 6:16 “Fasting” – God prescribed only one fast, the day of Atonement. Many godly Old Testament saints practiced other fasts, which were honored by God. Fasting is to be done out of a humble and contrite heart.
- 7:1 “Judge not” – refers to unrighteous, unmerciful judgment. Judging the motives of a person’s heart is prohibited. Actions, spoken words, and displayed attitudes are all things open to evaluation and judgment (7:5-20; 2 Pet.1:5-8; Gal.1:8-9).
- 7:22 “Wonderful works” – These are works that are powerful, mighty, or strong. They can be miraculous in nature or morally powerful.

## **Devotional Ideas**

**Perjury** (5:33-37) – this sin caused Jezebel to be eaten by dogs - 2 Kings 7-9.

**Anger** (5:21-26) – It kept Moses from entering the promise land.  
– It prevents men from becoming church leaders (2 Tim.3).  
– Fathers are charged not to promote it in their children but rather be models of self-control.

**Fasting** (6:16-18) – Who fasted and what did they gain?  
*Cornelius* (Acts 10); *early church leaders* (Acts 13); *King Ahab* (1 Kings 21); *Ninevites* (Jonah 3); *Esther* (Esther 4); *Jesus* (Matt.4)