


# Lesson Seven: The Sermon on the Mount

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<b>Fourfold Gospel</b>
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<b>Matthew</b>
5:1 - 7:29
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**Beatitudes: Promises to Messiah’s Subjects (Matthew 5:3-12; Luke 6:20-26)**

1. What does it mean to be “*blessed*?”
  
2. After pronouncing blessings upon those in certain trying conditions, upon what classes of people did Jesus pronounce woes? Why?
  
3. Define each beatitude and list the reward for each one.
  - a. Poor in spirit.
  - b. Mourning.
  - c. Meek.
  - d. Hungering and thirsting after righteousness.
  - e. Merciful.
  - f. Pure in heart.
  - g. Peacemakers.
  - h. Persecuted for righteousness’ sake.

**Influence and Duties of Messiah’s Subjects (Matthew 5:13-16)**

4. What is “*the salt of the earth*?” Who is “*the salt of the earth*?” Of what value and use is salt that loses its savor? Apply your answer to Jesus’ lesson.
  
5. Who is “*the light of the world*?” What is their reason for letting their light shine before men?

**Relation of Messianic Teaching to Old Testament and Traditional Teaching  
(Matthew 5:17-48; Luke 6:27-30, 32-36)**

6. What was Jesus' purpose in regard to "*the Law and the Prophets?*"
7. How can one's righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees?
8. What was one to do when he was angry with his brother? What application does that have today?
9. Why is one who looks on a woman and lusts after her guilty of adultery in his heart?
10. What is the marriage law of God? What is the one exception to it?
11. Summarize and explain the prohibition against swearing.
12. List and explain the teachings of Jesus which stand opposed to the following principles.
  - a. An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.
  - b. Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.

**Almsgiving, Prayer and Fasting to Be Performed Sincerely (Matthew 6:1-18)**

13. What warnings are given to those who do their charitable deeds, pray, and/or fast before men to be seen of them? What is their reward? Why?
14. Summarize the model prayer. Explain each portion of it.

**Security of Heavenly Treasures Contrasted with Earthly Anxieties (Matthew 6:19-34)**

15. Where are we to lay up treasures? Why?
16. What results when one tries to serve two masters? What application does Jesus make of this fact?
17. What illustrations does Jesus use to support the principle that one should seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness first? Why are they such fitting examples?

**Law Concerning Judging (Matthew 7:1-6; Luke 6:37-42)**

18. What type of judging does Jesus forbid? Why?

19. What happens when the blind leads the blind? What application does Jesus make of this principle?

**Concerning Prayer and the "Golden Rule" (Matthew 7:7-12; Luke 6:31)**

20. What example does Jesus use to show that God will supply the needs of His children who ask of Him?

21. Explain and apply the principle set forth in Matthew 7:12.

**The Two Ways and the False Prophets (Matthew 7:13-23; Luke 6:43-45)**

22. According to Jesus, what possible ways can one walk in life? How is each way entered? Where does each lead? How many will walk each one?

23. How can one recognize a false teacher?

24. Who will enter the kingdom of God? Who will not be allowed to enter it? Why?

**Conclusion and Application: Two Builders (Matthew 7:24-29; Luke 6:46-49)**

25. Who does Jesus call "*wise*?" Who does He call "*foolish*?"

26. How did the people react to Jesus' teaching?