



## Lesson 22 – The Sermon on the Mount

### Part 1

Based on Matthew 5

1) How does our lesson begin today?

**Luke 6:17-19** And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his \_\_\_\_\_, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be \_\_\_\_\_ of their diseases; And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went \_\_\_\_\_ out of him, and healed them all.

2) At the Mount of Blessing, to whom was the first blessings pronounced?

**Luke 6:20** And he lifted up his eyes on his \_\_\_\_\_, and said, Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.

The Sermon on the Mount, though given especially to the disciples, was spoken in the hearing of the multitude. After the ordination of the apostles, Jesus went with them to the seaside. Here in the early morning the people had begun to assemble.

3) How did Matthew record the first blessing?

**Matthew 5:3** Blessed are the poor in \_\_\_\_\_: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Christ's first words to the people on the mount were words of blessing. Happy are they, He said, who recognize their spiritual poverty, and feel their need of redemption. The gospel is to be preached to the poor. Not to the spiritually proud, those who claim to be rich and in need of nothing, is it revealed, but to those who are humble and contrite.

4) Who may be able to dwell with the Almighty?

**Isaiah 57:15** For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

The Lord can do nothing toward the recovery of man until, convinced of his own weakness, and stripped of all self-sufficiency, he yields himself to the control of God. Then he can receive the gift that God is waiting to bestow.

5) What was the second blessing in Matthew's account?

**Matthew 5:4** Blessed are they that \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall be comforted.

The Spirit reveals the ingratitude of the heart that has slighted and grieved the Saviour and brings us in contrition to the foot of the cross. By every sin Jesus is wounded afresh; and as we look upon Him whom we have pierced, we mourn for the sins that have brought anguish upon Him. Such mourning will lead to the renunciation of sin.



6) How did Jeremiah describe God's mercy?

**Jeremiah 3:12-13** Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine \_\_\_\_\_ to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever. Only \_\_\_\_\_ thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD.

7) How did Isaiah describe God's mercy?

**Isaiah 61:3** To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the \_\_\_\_\_ of joy for mourning, the \_\_\_\_\_ of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

The tears of the penitent are only the raindrops that precede the sunshine of holiness.

8) What is God's Word for the sorrowing?

**Isaiah 57:18** I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and \_\_\_\_\_ comforts unto him and to his mourners.

9) What blessing came next?

**Matthew 5:5** Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall inherit the earth.

The difficulties we have to encounter may be very much lessened by that meekness which hides itself in Christ. If we possess the humility of our Master, we shall rise above the slights, the rebuffs, the annoyances, to which we are daily exposed, and they will cease to cast a gloom over the spirit. The highest evidence of nobility in a Christian is self-control.

**Never forget, Meekness is not Weakness**

10) What was the next blessing?

**Matthew 5:6** Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall be filled.

The sense of unworthiness will lead the heart to hunger and thirst for righteousness, and this desire will not be disappointed. Those who make room in their hearts for Jesus will realize His love. All who long to bear the likeness of the character of God shall be satisfied.

The Holy Spirit never leaves unassisted the soul who is looking unto Jesus. He takes of the things of Christ and shows them unto him. If the eye is kept fixed on Christ, the work of the Spirit ceases not until the soul is conformed to His image. The pure element of love will expand the soul, giving it a capacity for higher attainments, for increased knowledge of heavenly things, so that it will not rest short of the fullness.

11) Who will be called the Children of God?

**Mathew 5:9** Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall be called the children of God.

12) How did the Psalmist describe those who have peace?

**Psalms 119:165** Great peace have they which love thy \_\_\_\_\_: and nothing shall offend them.



Men cannot manufacture peace. Human plans for the purification and uplifting of individuals or of society will fail of producing peace, because they do not reach the heart. The only power that can create or perpetuate true peace is the grace of Christ. When this is implanted in the heart, it will cast out the evil passions that cause strife and dissension.

13) What blessing did Jesus give to the persecuted?

**Matthew 5:10-12** Blessed are they which are \_\_\_\_\_ for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall \_\_\_\_\_ you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

The world loves sin, and hates righteousness, and this was the cause of its hostility to Jesus. All who refuse His infinite love will find Christianity a disturbing element. The light of Christ sweeps away the darkness that covers their sins, and the need of reform is made manifest. While those who yield to the influence of the Holy Spirit begin war with themselves, those who cling to sin war against the truth and its representatives.

14) What warning did Jesus give to the believers?

**Matthew 5:13** Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be \_\_\_\_\_ out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Hearts that respond to the influence of the Holy Spirit are the channels through which God's blessing flows. Were those who serve God removed from the earth, and His Spirit withdrawn from among men, this world would be left to desolation and destruction, the fruit of Satan's dominion. Though the wicked know it not, they owe even the blessings of this life to the presence, in the world, of God's people whom they despise and oppress.

If Christians are such in name only, they are like the salt that has lost its savor. They have no influence for good in the world. Through their misrepresentation of God, they are worse than unbelievers.

15) What encouragement did Jesus give to the persecuted?

**Matthew 5:14-16** Ye are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto \_\_\_\_\_ that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and \_\_\_\_\_ your Father which is in heaven.

True character is not shaped from without, and put on; it radiates from within. If we wish to direct others in the path of righteousness, the principles of righteousness must be enshrined in our own hearts. Our profession of faith may proclaim the theory of religion, but it is our practical piety that holds forth the word of truth. The consistent life, the holy conversation, the unswerving integrity, the active, benevolent spirit, the godly example, these are the mediums through which light is conveyed to the world.

After explaining what constitutes true happiness, and how it may be obtained, Jesus more definitely pointed out the duty of His disciples, as teachers chosen of God to lead others into the path of righteousness and eternal life. He knew that they would often suffer from disappointment



and discouragement, that they would meet with decided opposition, that they would be insulted, and their testimony rejected. Well He knew that in the fulfillment of their mission, the humble men who listened so attentively to His words were to bear calumny, torture, imprisonment, and death.

16) What promise was given as to the sharing of the Word of God?

**Isaiah 55:11** So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall \_\_\_\_\_ that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

**Isaiah 55:12** For ye shall go out with \_\_\_\_\_, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

**Isaiah 55:13** Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an \_\_\_\_\_ sign that shall not be cut off.

***Can you see the Power in Jesus' Word?***

***Would you like to know peace?***

***When is the time to step out in faith?***

