



## Lesson 23 – The Sermon on the Mount Part 2

Based on Matthew 5, 6, 7

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) After telling believers that they were the light to others, what did He say next?

**Matthew 5:17-18** Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to \_\_\_\_\_, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise \_\_\_\_\_ from the law, till all be fulfilled.

If the law of God could have been changed or abrogated, then Christ need not have suffered the consequences of our transgression. He came to explain the relation of the law to man, and to illustrate its precepts by His own life of obedience.

4) What promise was given to those that do and teach them?

**Matthew 5:19** Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

God has given us His holy precepts, because He loves mankind. To shield us from the results of transgression, He reveals the principles of righteousness. The law is an expression of the thought of God; when received in Christ, it becomes our thought. It lifts us above the power of natural desires and tendencies, above temptations that lead to sin. God desires us to be happy, and He gave us the precepts of the law that in obeying them we might have joy.

5) What did the Psalmist say about the Law of God?

**Psalms 19:7-9** The law of the LORD is perfect, \_\_\_\_\_ the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, \_\_\_\_\_ the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and \_\_\_\_\_ altogether.



The law was given to convict God's people of sin, and reveal their need of a Saviour. It would do this as its principles were applied to the heart by the Holy Spirit. This work, it is still to do. In the life of Christ the principles of the law are made plain; and as the Holy Spirit of God touches the heart, as the light of Christ reveals to men their need of His cleansing blood and His justifying righteousness, the law is still an agent in bringing us to Christ, that we may be justified by faith.

6) What did Paul say about God's 10 Commandment Law?

**Romans 7:12** Wherefore the \_\_\_\_\_ is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

All who break God's commandments are sustaining Satan's claim that the law is unjust and cannot be obeyed. Thus, they second the deceptions of the great adversary, and cast dishonor upon God.

7) What did Jesus say about the Scribes and Pharisees?

**Matthew 5:20** For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall \_\_\_\_\_ the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

External ceremonies and a theoretical knowledge of truth constituted Pharisaical righteousness. The rabbis claimed to be holy through their own efforts in keeping the law; but their works had divorced righteousness from religion. While they were punctilious in ritual observances, their lives were immoral and debased.

*Punctilious: showing great attention to detail or correct behavior.*

In all human experience, a theoretical knowledge of the truth has been proved to be insufficient for the saving of the soul. It does not bring forth the fruits of righteousness. A jealous regard for what is termed theological truth often accompanies a hatred of genuine truth as made manifest in life. ***The darkest chapters of history are burdened with the record of crimes committed by bigoted religionists.***

8) What familiar thing did Jesus quote to everyone?

**Matthew 5:21** Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not \_\_\_\_\_; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

9) What thought did He add to that?

**Matthew 5:22** But I say unto you, That whosoever is \_\_\_\_\_ with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

10) What did He encourage us to do?

**Matthew 5:23-24** Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; \_\_\_\_\_ there thy gift before the altar, and \_\_\_\_\_ thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Many are zealous in religious services, while between them and their brethren are unhappy differences which they might reconcile. God requires them to do all in their power to restore harmony.



11) Who are you to love?

**Matthew 5:44** But I say unto you, Love your \_\_\_\_\_, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

12) What promise goes with that commandment?

**Matthew 5:45** That ye may be the children of your \_\_\_\_\_ which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

13) What did Jesus say we should be?

**Matthew 5:48** Be ye therefore \_\_\_\_\_, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

This command is a promise. The plan of redemption contemplates our complete recovery from the power of Satan. Christ always separates the contrite soul from sin. He came to destroy the works of the devil, and He has made provision that the Holy Spirit shall be imparted to every repentant soul, to keep him from sinning.

The tempter's agency is not to be accounted an excuse for one wrong act. Satan is jubilant when he hears the professed followers of Christ making excuses for their deformity of character. It is these excuses that lead to sin. There is no excuse for sinning. A holy temper, a Christlike life, is accessible to every repenting, believing child of God.

14) What encouragement did Paul give to the church in Corinth and to us?

**2 Corinthians 6:16-18** And what agreement hath the \_\_\_\_\_ of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore \_\_\_\_\_ from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will \_\_\_\_\_ you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

15) How did Jesus come to us?

**Romans 8:3** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, \_\_\_\_\_ sin in the flesh:

16) Why?

**Romans 8:4** That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the \_\_\_\_\_.

Christ reaches us where we are. He took our nature and overcame, that we through taking His nature might overcome. He lived a sinless life. Now by His divinity He lays hold upon the throne of heaven, while by His humanity He reaches us. He bids us by faith in Him attain to the glory of the character of God.

17) How can we gain the strength to follow God completely?

**Matthew 6:6** But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall \_\_\_\_\_ thee openly.

By the life we live through the grace of Christ the character is formed. The original loveliness begins to be restored to the soul. The attributes of the character of Christ are imparted, and the image of the Divine begins to shine forth.



18) Can you serve two masters?

**Matthew 6:24** No man can \_\_\_\_\_ two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

We cannot serve God with a divided heart. Bible religion is not one influence among many others; its influence is to be supreme, pervading and controlling every other.

19) What lesson from nature did Jesus give us?

**Matthew 6:26** Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much \_\_\_\_\_ than they?

How much more does He care for man, who is the image and glory of God. He longs to see His children reveal a character after His similitude. As the sunbeam imparts to the flowers their varied and delicate tints, so does God impart to the soul the beauty of His own character.

20) What parable did Jesus give us to guide our thinking?

**Matthew 7:24-25** Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a \_\_\_\_\_: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it \_\_\_\_\_ not: for it was founded upon a rock.

Self is but shifting sand. If you build upon human theories and inventions, your house will fall. By the winds of temptation, the tempests of trial, it will be swept away. But these principles that Jesus gives will endure.

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

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

***When is the time to let God renew your heart?***

