Matthew 5 - **Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount Part 1**

1. **The Beatitudes (Matt 5:1-12 // Luke 6:20-26)**
2. “Mountain” can mean hills to us.
3. The Teacher sat and addressed His disciples.
4. The core of the Beatitudes seems to be the understanding that there is One much greater than us that we will soon answer to – knowledge that we are not self-sufficient or capable, but that we need God and His blessings.
5. V.11-12, the trouble we may endure is more than worth it, regardless of how bad things could get. Consider what they did to the prophets!
6. Luke 6:2-26, Jesus begins using the highly personalized “you.”
7. The Woes Jesus gives (Lk 6:24-26) are an antithesis to the blessings of the beatitudes. The woes address those who have need of nothing. They are self-sufficient and in control.
8. **Believers are Salt and Light (Matt 5:13-16 // Mark 9:50 // Luke 14:34-35)**
9. Salt was a preservative. “Worth your salt,” could have been a known phrase in Jesus’ day as it was a means of pay for Roman soldiers, etc.
10. Salt loses it flavor by becoming contaminated with sediment, etc. Thrown out and trampled – they knew it could make slick surfaces gritty, but may have also used it as ice melt on those rare occasions.
11. Light allows vision. Most people have eyes to see, but none of them work without light.
12. Jesus clarifies; it’s not about navigating past cities or through a dark house, but about turning souls to God.
13. Not fit for the dunghill – this is one of the few things that will shut down the natural decay of the dunghill. You want natural decomposition, but this salt would shut it down. It has no place to be found, but the Lord later tells us that He has a place for the worthless salt to be destroyed eternally.
14. **Christ Fulfills the Law (Matt 5:17-20)**
15. Heaven and earth are to pass away, 2 Peter 3:9-11.
16. Jesus came to fulfill the Law of Moses, Mt 5:17, Luke 24:44, John 19:30.
17. We want to obey God’s Word and teach it to others.
18. The scribes and Pharisees had some things figured out, but they were missing some things as well. Exceed their righteousness!
19. **Murder Begins in the Heart (Matt 5:21-26 // Luke 12:57-59)**
20. It’s not about being upset or angry, but about keeping your emotions under control instead of letting your emotions control you.
21. Your brother wronged you, but leave gift before the altar & be reconciled, Matt 18:15-17.
22. Who is our ultimate Adversary (accuser)? Jesus deals extensively with the hateful ugliness of persecution that the faithful will suffer, 2 Timothy 3:12. As much as within us, live peaceably with all, Romans 12:18 – even our Adversary. We don’t go looking for trouble, but we are also not to be a reed shaken by the wind (Matt 11:7)!
23. **Adultery in the Heart (Matt 5:27-30)**
24. Lust can destroy people, families… In pursuit of the wrong kind of happiness people bring themselves tremendous grief and sorrows.
25. How important does Jesus say purity of thought is? He paints quite the vivid and graphic picture!
26. **Marriage is Sacred & Binding (Mt 5:31-32 // Mt 19:3-10 // Mk 10:11-12 // Lk 16:18)**
27. What God has joined together let NO MAN separate. There is no divorce.
28. There is one exception in which divorce is allowed, but it involves sin.
29. Consider the pitfalls of adultery, Hebrews 13:4.
30. Luke 16:14-18, what men highly esteem is an abomination to God. What’s the connection?
31. **Jesus Forbids Oaths (Matthew 5:33-37)**
32. “This only refers to \_\_\_\_.” Should we not let the Bible define the Bible?
33. Do not swear at all. Oaths. Your word is your bond. If it’s no good, then why an oath?
34. **Go the Second Mile / Love Your Enemies (Matt 5:38-48 // Luke 6:27-36)**
35. Jesus prayed that His murderers would be forgiven. That’s an ingrained paradigm that’s very different from what the world holds dear.
36. Therefore, be merciful as our Father is merciful.
37. Therefore, be PERFECT, just as our Father in Heaven is PERFECT. ***Complete***.
38. **CONCLUSIONS AND APPLICATIONS:**
39. Do you recognize your dependence on God so that you will bend yourself to His Will?
40. Do you recognize that God has given YOU a job to do in this life – to bring others to the Truth?
41. Do you want to be GREAT IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN? Do His Will and teach it to others!
42. Are you content to do as much as recognized leaders, or are you looking to exceed their righteousness?
43. Do you control your emotions so that you respectfully love the Lord AND your brethren?
44. Our thoughts make a matter of eternal consequence. Do we keep them in check?
45. God’s rule is that there is no divorce. His exception is only in the case of adultery.
46. There is a way that seems right to a man, but…Proverb 14:12; 16:25.
47. Will you be complete, as our Father is? What are you yet lacking?

**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

Hear The Gospel (John 5:24; Romans 10:17) Believe the Word of God (John 3:16-18; John 8:24)

Repent Of Your Sins (Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38) Confess Jesus as Christ (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:10)

Be Baptized (Acts 22:16; Galatians 3:27) Remain Faithful for Life (John 8:31; Rev. 2:10)

**FOR THE ERRING CHILD OF GOD:**

Repent (Acts 8:22), Confess (I John 1:9), Pray (Acts 8:22)

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