BIBLE TOPICS · NEW TESTAMENT

The Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes

He Taught Them as One Having Authority · Matthew 7:29

Where	Found in	Opens with	Ends with
A mountain in Galilee	Matthew 5–7	The Beatitudes	The wise builder

MATTHEW 5:3–12

The Beatitudes

"Blessed" means truly happy and favoured by God. Each Beatitude names a quality of heart and the promise God gives to it.

1

The Poor in Spirit

Those who know their need of God.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

MATTHEW 5:3

2

They That Mourn

Sorrow over sin, and comfort from God.

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."

MATTHEW 5:4

3

The Meek

Strength under God's control.

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth."

MATTHEW 5:5

4

They Which Hunger

A deep desire to be right with God.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

MATTHEW 5:6

5

The Merciful

Kindness to the needy and the guilty.

"Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."

MATTHEW 5:7

6

The Pure in Heart

A single, sincere love for God.

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

MATTHEW 5:8

7

The Peacemakers

Bringing people to peace with God and one another.

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

MATTHEW 5:9

8

The Persecuted

Suffering for doing right.

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

MATTHEW 5:10

The Beatitudes Chart

MATTHEW 5 · MATTHEW 6 · MATTHEW 7

The Sermon on the Mount

The Beatitudes and the sermon in outline

Jesus' teaching on a mountain in Galilee · King James Version

The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:3–10 · "Blessed are ..."

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   for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
   MATTHEW 5:3
2. **They That Mourn**
   for they shall be comforted.
   MATTHEW 5:4
3. **The Meek**
   for they shall inherit the earth.
   MATTHEW 5:5
4. **Hunger and Thirst After Righteousness**
   for they shall be filled.
   MATTHEW 5:6
5. **The Merciful**
   for they shall obtain mercy.
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   for they shall see God.
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   MATTHEW 5:9
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The Sermon in Outline

Matthew 5:13 – 7:29

1. **Salt and Light**
   Let your light so shine
   MATTHEW 5:13–16
2. **The Law Fulfilled**
   But I say unto you
   MATTHEW 5:17–48
3. **In Secret**
   Giving, praying, fasting
   MATTHEW 6:1–8, 16–18
4. **The Lord's Prayer**
   Our Father which art in heaven
   MATTHEW 6:9–15
5. **Treasure in Heaven**
   Where your heart is
   MATTHEW 6:19–24
6. **Do Not Worry**
   Seek ye first the kingdom
   MATTHEW 6:25–34
7. **Judge Not**
   First the beam
   MATTHEW 7:1–6
8. **Ask, Seek, Knock**
   The Father gives good things
   MATTHEW 7:7–11
9. **The Golden Rule**
   Do ye even so to them
   MATTHEW 7:12
10. **The Strait Gate**
    Narrow is the way
    MATTHEW 7:13–14
11. **By Their Fruits**
    Beware of false prophets
    MATTHEW 7:15–23
12. **Two Builders**
    The rock and the sand
    MATTHEW 7:24–29

KEY VERSE

"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock."

MATTHEW 7:24 (KJV)

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Salt, Light and the Law

MATTHEW 5:13–48

Salt, Light and the Law

Jesus told His followers who they are in the world, and showed that God's law reaches the heart.

Ye Have Heard	But I Say unto You
"Thou shalt not kill" MATTHEW 5:21	"whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment" MATTHEW 5:22
Ye Have Heard	But I Say unto You
"Thou shalt not commit adultery" MATTHEW 5:27	"whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." MATTHEW 5:28
Ye Have Heard	But I Say unto You
"Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement" MATTHEW 5:31	"whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery" MATTHEW 5:32
Ye Have Heard	But I Say unto You
"Thou shalt not forswear thyself" MATTHEW 5:33	"But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay" MATTHEW 5:37
Ye Have Heard	But I Say unto You
"An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth" MATTHEW 5:38	"whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." MATTHEW 5:39
Ye Have Heard	But I Say unto You
"Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy." MATTHEW 5:43	"Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you" MATTHEW 5:44

> *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."*
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> Matthew 5:16 (KJV)

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The Lord’s Prayer

MATTHEW 6:9–13

The Lord’s Prayer

Jesus gave His disciples a pattern for prayer: God’s glory first, then our daily needs.

1

Our Father

We come as His children.

“Our Father which art in heaven”

MATTHEW 6:9

2

His Name

Honour Him as holy.

“Hallowed be Thy name.”

MATTHEW 6:9

3

His Kingdom and Will

Pray for His reign.

“Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”

MATTHEW 6:10

4

Daily Bread

Trust Him for today.

“Give us this day our daily bread.”

MATTHEW 6:11

5

Forgiveness

Forgiven, we forgive.

“And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.”

MATTHEW 6:12

6

Protection and Praise

Kept from evil; all glory to Him.

“For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”

MATTHEW 6:13

For the Lord’s Prayer line by line, see the Prayer study.

Two Gates, Two Trees, Two Houses

MATTHEW 7:13–27

Two Gates, Two Trees, Two Houses

Jesus ended the sermon with a choice. There are only two ways, and everyone is on one of them.

The Way to Life	The Way to Destruction
“strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life” MATTHEW 7:14	**“wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction”** MATTHEW 7:13
“every good tree bringeth forth good fruit” MATTHEW 7:17	**“but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.”** MATTHEW 7:17
“he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven.” MATTHEW 7:21	**“I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.”** MATTHEW 7:23
“a wise man, which built his house upon a rock” MATTHEW 7:24	**“a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand”** MATTHEW 7:26
“and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.” MATTHEW 7:25	**“and it fell: and great was the fall of it.”** MATTHEW 7:27

What It Means for Us and Key Themes

FOR TODAY

What the Sermon on the Mount Means for Us Today

Jesus did not give the sermon to be admired but to be lived, by those who trust Him.

1

Come Poor in Spirit

Begin by admitting your need.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit"

MATTHEW 5:3

2

Let Your Light Shine

Live so others see God.

"Ye are the light of the world."

MATTHEW 5:14

3

Love Your Enemies

Pray for those who hurt you.

"and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you"

MATTHEW 5:44

4

Pray to Your Father

He knows what you need.

"for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him."

MATTHEW 6:8

5

Trust, Don't Worry

He feeds the birds and clothes the lilies.

"Take therefore no thought for the morrow"

MATTHEW 6:34

6

Treat Others Well

Live by the golden rule.

"all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them"

MATTHEW 7:12

KEY THEMES

Six Truths the Sermon Teaches

The Sermon on the Mount covers every part of life, but six great truths run through it.

1

True Blessing

Happiness belongs to the humble.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

MATTHEW 5:3

2

Salt and Light

Believers show God to the world.

"Ye are the light of the world."

MATTHEW 5:14

3

A Righteousness of the Heart

God looks within.

"except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees"

MATTHEW 5:20

4

Seen by the Father

Give, pray and fast for Him alone.

"and thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly."

MATTHEW 6:4

5

Seek the Kingdom First

Trust Him instead of worrying.

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness"

MATTHEW 6:33

6

Build on the Rock

Hear His words and do them.

"for it was founded upon a rock."

MATTHEW 7:25