

Lesson 3 – The Teaching of Jesus. What does Jesus want from us? Matt. 5-7

If you could talk to God, what would you ask? If God could talk to you, what would He say? He has. Jesus was God on the earth. His teaching had great authority and wisdom.

This truth is the standard for my life. It has enhanced my life in so many ways. For example, the principles of God help me with my wife Martha. With so many marriages ending in divorce, I give God thanks for His teaching that has kept us together.

I. Matthew 5

- A. 5:20 – key verse of the sermon. The “scribes and Pharisees” had an outward righteousness. Like many in the religious world today - going through the motions.
 - 1. **Main key idea (repeat in each section)** – Jesus is looking for us to be changed from the inside out – to become a different person; a person of Heaven/a child of God rather than a person of this earth/a child of the Devil. **We can have** this righteousness.
- B. 5:3-12 – true “blessedness” “joy” “happiness” is in these internal qualities.
 - 1. Begins and ends with “for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven” This is the essence of what makes up the heart of the citizen of Jesus’ kingdom. **We can be His citizens.**
- C. 5:13-16 – This is the kind of influence we will have.
 - 1. What is the main characteristic of “salt” and “light”? A powerful, aggressive influence.
- D. 5:17-20 – Jesus came to fulfill the Old Law not destroy it.
 - 1. We are no longer under the Old Law of Moses but are under the Law of Christ. Many of the same principles of truth from the Old Law are repeated in the new system. But the system of Jesus is better – we can find forgiveness in the blood of Christ.
- E. 5:21-48 – Jesus deals with some of the common, everyday attitudes of life.
 - 1. 5:21-26 – control anger, repair relationships
 - 2. 5:27-30 – control your eyes/lust
 - 3. 5:31-32 – don’t divorce, stay married
 - 4. 5:33-37 – tell the truth
 - 5. 5:38-42 – control your ego/pride, be kind to others

6. 5:43-48 – love don't hate.

a) Vs. 48 - "be perfect" = be complete/mature/full-grown in your love like God – love for enemies and friends.

II. Matthew 6

A. 6:1 – religious actions are to be a reflection of our good heart not a show to be seen of men.

1. 6:2-4 - giving to help the poor to help them not to look good

2. 6:5-15 – prayer to communicate to God not to look pious.

3. 6:16-18 – fast to concentrate on spiritual things not get praise from men.

B. 6:19-34 – priorities, our focus must be on the spiritual/eternal things.

1. Solomon struggled to have the right perspective.

III. Matthew 7

A. 7:1-6 – judgment is to be motivated by what is right not by hypocritical/hypercritical judgment.

B. 7:7-11 – Jesus wants us to find the truth.

C. 7:12 – the golden rule – applies in so many practical ways.

D. 7:13-14 – we each have a choice which road we will travel.

E. 7:15-20 – watch out for false teachers.

F. 7:21-23 – we must do the will of God.

G. 7:24-27 – Jesus' teaching becomes a foundation for our lives. When times are good, His teaching makes us better. When times are difficult, His teaching is the stabilizing anchor to keep us moving toward Heaven.

H. Conclusion – 7:28-29 – **do you hear** the authority of Jesus word? It isn't easy to be His disciple. There are trials. The Devil wants to defeat us. But we can be a Christian/a child of God and go to Heaven.

1. Yes, if **we have sinned/failed** to keep Jesus' law we will not be able to go to Heaven. Jesus' teaching does not only show us the true way, Jesus died so that we can be forgiven for the times we fail/sin.

IV. Please read Matt. 26-28 for next time.