

**Sermon on the Mount**  
**Matthew 5-7**  
Part 1 – Matthew 5

**I. The Beatitudes – 5:1-12**

**Jesus describes those whom God blesses**

1. The Poor in Spirit – 3  
Man looks on external, God looks on the heart  
Those who are lowly, no ability to please God  
Prerequisite for entrance into God's kingdom
2. Those who mourn – 4  
Recognize their need, acknowledge their sin  
God will comfort those who come to Him
3. The meek – 5  
Gentle, those who humbly submit to God  
They shall inherit the earth  
Fulfill God's plan for man to rule the earthly sphere
4. Hungry & thirsty for righteousness – 6  
Desire to live righteous, godly lives  
God will satisfy that desire in Christ
5. Those showing mercy to others – 7  
God's mercy will be poured out on them
6. The pure in heart – 8  
Inwardly clean, undefiled, genuine  
They will stand before God – Ours in Christ
7. The peacemakers – 9  
Seek to promote peace rather than conflict  
God's children demonstrate His likeness
8. Those persecuted for righteousness – 10-12  
They will share in God's glorious kingdom  
Respond joyfully when suffering for Christ sake  
Even when falsely accused  
Joy comes as we focus on reward in heaven  
We are in good company – God's prophets
9. Godly qualities impact our world – 13-16  
As salt has an impact on food – 13  
If it loses that ability to impact it is worthless  
As a light has an impact on darkness – 14-15  
Whether the corporate impact of a city on a hill  
Or the single light of a candle in a dark house  
We are to be a light for God in our dark world - 16

**II. Christ and the Law – 5:17-47**

1. He came to fulfill God's law – 17  
Didn't come to destroy, do away with God's law  
He came to fulfill it, live it out perfectly  
His perfect righteousness is imputed to us  
2 Corinthians 5:21
2. Fulfillment of God's law is essential – 18-19  
Not slightest part of God's law can go unfulfilled  
Those who share God's Kingdom live by His law

- His Holy Spirit fulfills it in us – Romans 8:2-4  
God's holy standard cannot change
3. God's law goes beyond externals – 20  
Righteousness of religious leaders falls short
  4. Jesus reveals depth of the law – 21-47
    - (1). He speaks about murder – 21-26  
Murder is a violation of God's law – 21  
Anger & hatred are also sin in God's eyes – 22  
Both make us guilty and in danger of judgment  
Both hinder our fellowship with God – 23-26  
Reconcile with brother before you come to God
    - (2). He speaks about adultery – 27-32  
Adultery is a violation of God's law – 27  
Lust is also a sin in God's eyes – 28  
Need to exercise control over our body – 29-30  
Some divorce can also lead to adultery – 31-32
    - (3). He speaks about oaths – 33-37  
Swearing before the Lord it is binding – 33  
Some claim lesser oaths are not binding – 34-36  
As by heaven, earth, Jerusalem, your head  
Simple yes and no ought to be binding – 37  
Anything less is displeasing in God's eyes
    - (4). He speaks about vengeance – 38-42  
Eye for an eye was the standard for justice – 38  
Retribution is not to go beyond that point  
God's law does not require you pay back – 39-42  
You can submit to what others require of you
    - (5). Does Law allow hatred of enemies – 43-48  
Lev. 19:18 says "love your neighbor as yourself"  
Christ's law teaches us to love our enemies – 44  
This is true of God and of His children – 45-48