

MATTHEW – LESSON FOUR

- I. JESUS' SERMON FROM THE MOUNT (Chapters 5-7)**
- A. The Beatitudes – the character of true blessedness in the Kingdom (5:1-12).
 - B. The relation of the disciples to the world: salt and light (5:13-16).
 - C. The Law of Moses Jesus will fulfill – The righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees must be exceeded in order to enter the Kingdom (5:17-20).
 - D. The righteous character in the Kingdom contrasted to the Law of Moses (5:21-48).
 - 1. No hate in contrast to just the act of murder (v.21-26).
 - 2. No lust in contrast to just the act of adultery (v.27-30).
 - 3. No divorce except for fornication in contrast to the law of giving a bill of divorcement to divorced wife (v.31-32).
 - 4. No empty oaths in contrast to the law of carrying out one's oaths (v.33-37).
 - 5. No vengeful retaliation, but going the second mile in contrast to the law of an eye for an eye (v.38-42)
 - 6. Loving one's enemies in contrast to the law of loving one's neighbor and hating one's enemy (v.43-48).
 - E. Jesus warns against the wrong motives in doing righteous things (6:1-18).
 - 1. Giving alms to have the glory of men – Father sees in secret and recompenses righteousness (v.1-4).
 - 2. Praying to be seen of men – Father sees and hears in secret and recompenses righteousness (v. 5-15)
 - a. Jesus condemns vain repetitions in prayers.
 - b. Jesus offers a model prayer.
 - 3. Fasting to be seen of men – Father sees in secret and recompenses righteousness (v. 16-18).
 - F. Jesus warns against the love for earthly riches – exhorts disciples to have a heart centered upon the spiritual treasure of heaven (6:19-24).
 - G. Jesus exhorts disciples to not be distracted by anxiety – have faith in God to provide one's needs (6:25-34).
 - H. Jesus warns against hypocritical judging, and casting holy things before those who prove themselves to be dogs (7:1-6).
 - I. Jesus encourages disciples to pray, trusting God to answer (7:7-11)
 - J. Jesus exhorts disciples: do unto others, as you would have men do unto you – Basic principle behind the law and the prophets (7:12).
 - K. Jesus exhorts disciples in the way leading to eternal life (7:13-27).
 - 1. Exhortation to enter the by the narrow gate – straitened way (v.13-14).
 - 2. Warning of false prophets – look at their fruit to detect them (v.15-20).
 - 3. Doing the will of the Father brings one into the Kingdom – not just miracles or mere words acknowledging the Lord (v.21-23).
 - 4. Doing what Jesus teaches is what separates the wise from the foolish – illustration of the wise and foolish builders (v. 24-27).
 - L. The multitude's response to Jesus' sermon: astonished with His speaking with such authority (v. 28-29).

QUESTIONS:

1. Who were gathered to hear Jesus speak from the mount?
Do we know which mountain Jesus preached from?
2. Why are verses 3-12 called the “beatitudes” when they begin with “blessed are...” ?
3. What kind of spirit is essential for citizenship in God's kingdom?

4. List some things for which we mourn which end with God's comfort?

5. A "Meek" person is synonymous with:
 - (a). a non-confrontational type.
 - (b). a soft-spoken coward.
 - (c). a kind but weak person whom all can run over.
 - (d). a strong person who brings his strength under the control of God.

6. How does the meek inherit the earth?

7. What should be our "appetite" for "righteousness"?

8. What must we do if we are to obtain mercy from God?

9. Describe the heart that will allow one to "see God"?

10. Why are the "peacemakers" blessed?

11. To be persecuted for "righteousness" sake is synonymous with being persecuted for _____.

12. What *three facts* should comfort the disciple being persecuted for righteousness sake?

13. How does the disciple of the Lord affect the earth as "salt"?

14. How does the disciple of the Lord affect the world as "light"?

15. How does Jesus contrast his relationship with the Law of Moses with that of the scribes and Pharisees?

16. Explain what Jesus means when he demands that our righteousness must exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees before we can enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

17. In 5:21-48, Jesus is:
 - (a). correcting the misconceptions of the true application of the Law of Moses.
 - (b). contrasting the Law of Moses with His Law.

18. What type of heart and person is in danger of losing their soul in the hell of fire?

19. Why should the Lord's disciples agree with their adversary quickly?

20. What can a man do to guard himself from the act of adultery?

21. How does a man make his wife an adulteress?

22. How does his one action have the potential for causing four souls to be lost in Hell?

23. What is the "one cause" that Jesus allows for one to divorce his wife?

24. If the divorce is not for the right cause, then the divorce has not taken place in God's eyes.
(T) (F).

25. Jesus forbids all "swearing" (T) (F).

26. Jesus forbids swearing by things, which one thinks relieves him from a binding oath before God.
(T) (F).

27. What is Jesus teaching us to do in "turning the other cheek"?

28. Jesus teaches us to: "love your _____ and pray for them that
_____ you" .

29. Why is this so different from the actions of the Gentiles and Publicans?
Why is this showing we are sons of the Father?

30. God will bless us if we do righteous acts regardless of our motive for doing them (T) (F).

31. What motives did some have in their almsgiving, praying and fasting?
Jesus calls these people _____ Why?

32. How should we address God in our prayers?
33. What *three needs* do we have for which we should pray?
34. What happens if we do not forgive others who sin against us?
35. Give *three reasons* why we should lay up our treasures in heaven?
36. What does Jesus characterize as an “evil eye”?
37. If we are going to serve God, we cannot serve _____ .
38. What does Jesus forbid when he says “be not anxious for you life”?
40. Why is anxiety a manifestation of “little faith” ?
Why is anxiety a futile emotion?
41. What constructive actions does Jesus demand of us to combat anxiety?
42. All judging of others is condemned by Jesus (T) (F).
43. Who does Jesus call “dogs”?
What should we not do before them?
44. How does Jesus encourage us to pray?
45. What principle behind the law and the prophets should we apply in our actions towards others?
46. Why should we strive to enter the narrow gate and follow the straitened way?
47. Why should we beware of false prophets?
How do you know a false prophet when you see him?
48. What is more important than calling Jesus Lord and doing miracles in His name?
49. What is the difference between the wise and foolish builder?
50. What difference did the multitudes see in Jesus teaching than that of the scribes?