

Matthew 5-7, The Sermon on the Mount (NASB)

5 And when He saw the multitudes, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. **2** And opening His mouth, He began to teach them, saying,

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the sons of God.

10 Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are you when men cast insults at you and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely on account of Me. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

13 You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

14 You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; **15** nor do men light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **16** Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

17 Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. **18** For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished! **19** Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

21 You have heard that the ancients were told, 'YOU SHALL NOT MURDER,' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.' **22** But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raca,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell. **23** Therefore, if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you, **24** leave your offering there before the altar and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering. **25** Make friends quickly with your opponent at law, while you are with him on the way, so that your opponent will not deliver you over to the judge, and

the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I say to you, you will not come out of there until you have paid up the last cent.

²⁷ You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY'; ²⁸ but I say to you that everyone who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart. ²⁹ And if your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you for one of the parts of your body to perish, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you for one of the parts of your body to perish, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

³¹ And it was said, 'WHOEVER DIVORCES HIS WIFE, LET HIM GIVE TO HER A CERTIFICATE OF DISMISSAL'; ³² but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the cause of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³ Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, 'YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FALSE VOWS, BUT SHALL FULFILL YOUR VOWS TO THE LORD.' ³⁴ But I say to you, make no oath at all, neither by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, nor by Jerusalem, for it is THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING. ³⁶ Nor shall you take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of evil.

³⁸ You have heard that it was said, 'AN EYE FOR EYE, and A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.' ³⁹ But I say to you, do not resist him who is evil; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also. ⁴¹ And whoever shall force you to go one mile, go with him two. ⁴² Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³ You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ in order that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax gatherers do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

6 Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

² When therefore you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. ³ But when you give to the alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your alms will be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

⁵ And when you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners in order to be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. ⁶ But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

⁷ And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Therefore do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

⁹ Pray, then, in this way:

'Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.' For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

¹⁴ For if you forgive men for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

¹⁶ And whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do, for they neglect their appearance in order to be seen fasting by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. ¹⁷ But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that your fasting will not be seen by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

¹⁹ Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal; ²¹ for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

²² The lamp of the body is the eye; if therefore your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴ No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and riches.

²⁵ For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is life not more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air, they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single cubit to his life's span? ²⁸ And why are you worried about

clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor spin, ²⁹ and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all of his glory clothed himself like one of these. ³⁰ For if God so arrays the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more do so for you O men of little faith! ³¹ Do not be anxious then, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'With what shall we clothe ourselves?' ³² For all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

³⁴ Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

7 Do not judge, lest you be judged. ² For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. ³ And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye!

⁶ Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

⁷ Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ⁹ Or what man is there among you who, when his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he shall ask for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? ¹¹ If you then being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

¹² Therefore however you want people to treat you, so treat them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

¹³ Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who find it. ¹⁴ For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.

¹⁵ Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they? ¹⁷ Even so every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ So then, you will know them by their fruits.

²¹ Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not

prophecy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' ²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

²⁴ Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock. ²⁵ And the rain descended and the floods came, and the winds blew and burst against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not act upon them, will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand. ²⁷ And the rain descended and the floods came, and the winds blew and burst against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall."

²⁸ The result was that when Jesus had finished these words, the multitudes were amazed at His teaching; ²⁹ for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.