

Behold Your King!

Studies in the Gospel of Matthew

The Message of the King: *the Sermon on the Mount, part 1*

Matthew 5

Lesson 3

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School

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The Gospel of Matthew

- ▶ Transitional Gospel
- ▶ The life, word and works of Jesus
- ▶ Continuity with the Old Testament
- ▶ Prepare for the age to come

The Kingdom of Heaven

- ▶ Salvation – John 3:3-5
- ▶ Millennial Kingdom – Revelation 20
- ▶ Eternal Kingdom – Revelation 21-22
- ▶ Matthew 19:23-25

Presentation of Jesus Christ

- ▶ The Son of David, Son of Abraham
- ▶ Savior – Immanuel
- ▶ Ruler/Shepherd
- ▶ Adoration/worship of the Magi

Presentation of Jesus Christ

- ▶ Flight to Egypt
- ▶ Weeping in Ramah
- ▶ He shall be called a Nazarene

Preparation for Christ's ministry

▶ John the Baptist (3:1-12)

- Prepare the way of the LORD
- Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand
- Baptism

▶ Jesus' baptism (3:13-17)

- Fulfill all righteousness – the plan of God
- He will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire
- Jesus baptized as representative of God's people
- Witness of Holy Spirit and the Father

Preparation for Christ's ministry

- ▶ Jesus' temptation (4:1-11)
 - Priority of God's Word in times of testing
 - The duty to trust God and not test Him
 - Love of God (worship) more than the world
- ▶ Jesus' ministry (4:12-25)
 - A great light in Galilee of the Gentiles
 - Disciples called – anticipates the coming age
 - Healing – fulfills Isaiah 35:4-7

The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5-7

- ▶ Beatitudes (5:1-12)
- ▶ Salt and light (5:13-16)
- ▶ Christ and the Law and the Prophets (5:17-20)
- ▶ Righteousness exceeding the scribes and Pharisees (5:21-48)

The Beatitudes (5:1-12)

- ▶ Blessed = Happy
- ▶ Passive tense – “made happy”
- ▶ John Brown: “It is a remark of importance, that our Lord is not in these words speaking so directly, if at all, of the manner in which men are to obtain happiness, as of the characters of those who are really happy.”
- ▶ The right way (Prov. 14:12)
- ▶ Blessing is salvation (Genesis 12:1-3)

The Beatitudes (5:1-12)

▶ Poor in spirit

- Humble
- Theirs is the kingdom of heaven

▶ Mourn

- sorrow for sins
- sorrow for sin in the land
- sorrow with the afflictions of others (Job 30:25)
- sorrow for personal afflictions
- “Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief” (Isaiah 53:3)
- They shall be comforted

The Beatitudes (5:1-12)

► Meek

- John Brown, p 121 “Like all the other holy tempers described in this passage, meekness originates in right views of the Divine character, and our own.”
- Cheerful acceptance of the will of God
- Characteristic of Christ – Matthew 11:29
- They shall inherit the earth

► Hunger and thirst for righteousness

- LDC: the key to all Beatitudes - defines a Christian
- They shall be satisfied – Psalm 17:15

The Beatitudes (5:1-12)

▶ Merciful

- Attribute of God responsible for our blessedness (Titus 3:5)
- They shall obtain mercy

▶ Pure in heart

- Heart is what we are – our nature – depraved at the start
- Heb 10:22 – hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience
- They shall see God

The Beatitudes (5:1-12)

▶ Peacemakers

- Romans 12:18
- Romans 5:1
- James 3:18
- They shall be called the sons of God

▶ Persecuted for righteousness sake and for Christ's sake

- Aliens and strangers
- Theirs is the Kingdom of heaven
- A great reward in heaven

Salt and Light (5:13-16)

▶ Salt of the earth

- The influence of Christianity on the pagan world
- Remain salty
- In the world but not of the world

▶ Light of the world

- A more explicit display of truth
- Christ is the Light (Matthew 4:15-16) – the Light of the world
- We bring glory to the Father

Christ fulfills the Old Testament (5:17-20)

- ▶ Christ did not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets
- ▶ Common view: Christ fulfilled the righteousness of the Law by strictly obeying it and earned the righteousness of the Law for us.
- ▶ The Law was not given for men to fulfill it (Eze. 20:25; Rom. 3:20)
Obey ≠ Fulfill
- ▶ Christ came to “abolish” the Law (Gal. 3:19; Eph. 2:14-15; Gal. 3:25)

Christ fulfills the Law and Prophets

- ▶ Fulfillment of Scripture, as throughout chaps. 1–4, refers to the bringing to fruition of its complete meaning. (NAC)
- ▶ Prophets foretold and Christ fulfilled their words.
- ▶ Law of Moses “foreshadowed” and Christ fulfilled
 - Penalty and reward
 - Priestly ministry
 - Atonement by sacrifice/substitute
 - God dwelling with His people

A superior righteousness (5:21-48)

- ▶ Murder
- ▶ Adultery
- ▶ Divorce
- ▶ False oaths
- ▶ Vengeance
- ▶ Love your neighbor and hate your enemy

A superior righteousness (5:21-48)

- ▶ Anger
- ▶ Lust
- ▶ Divorce leads to adultery
- ▶ No oaths
- ▶ Do not resist the one who is evil
- ▶ Love your enemies

Christ, the Way of Righteousness

- ▶ Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect
- ▶ Christ came to bring this blessedness