

Study the New Testament in Thirteen Weeks
Bible Reading Summary
Week 1, Day 2, Tuesday, Matthew 5-7

The Sermon on the Mount

Chapter 5. Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is recorded in chapters 5-7 of Matthew. The sermon begins with the beatitudes, which teach the way of blessedness or happiness for the followers of Jesus. Jesus described His followers as salt and light in the world. Jesus came to fulfill the Law and the prophets. Do the right things to others. Fulfilling the Law is a matter of the heart and mind (the intention of a person or the reason they do things), not of external actions or behavior only. Jesus put His commands above the older traditions and interpretations of the Law. Love your neighbors and love your enemies. Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Chapter 6. Do not be a hypocrite. Do things for the right reasons and not just to be seen by others. The Lord's Prayer teaches people how to pray. If you forgive others, your Father will forgive you. Lay up treasures in heaven where your heart is or should be. You cannot serve God and money. Do not be anxious about anything. Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Chapter 7. Be careful about how you make judgments and do not be a hypocrite. Your Father will give you good things if you will ask Him. The Golden Rule is a good measure to use for the right way to live and treat others (verse 12). Enter by the narrow gate and take the hard way that leads to life. You will know people by their fruits. The Lord knows those who do His Father's will. Build your house on the rock of Jesus' words by doing them.

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