

JESUS CHRIST
JEHOVAH'S KING
MINISTRY AND TEACHING OF JESUS
SERMON ON THE MOUNT

IV. INTRODUCTION

A. Matthew 5:1-48 Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, [2] and he began to teach them, saying:

1. PICTURE THIS IN YOUR MIND.

- A. JESUS LOOKS UP ON THE CROWDS. - CROWDS - WORLD
- B. HE GOES UP - HIS PLACE OF AUTHORITY - HE SAT DOWN - HIS WORK IS OVER
- C. HIS DISCIPLES CAME TO HIM.- WE SEEK HIM - IT IS BEYOND THE TIME WHERE GOD IS SEEKING MAN.

2. THREE THINGS HAPPEN HERE - TWO GROUPS

- A. HE SAW THE CROWDS
- B. HIS DISCIPLES CAME TO HIM
- C. HE BEGINS TO TEACH THEM [WHO]
 - (1) THOSE WHO CAME TO HIM.
 - (2) WHAT WILL THEY DO LATER?

IV. EIGHT BLESSINGS

A. MATTHEW 5:[3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [4] Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. [5] Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. [6] Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. [7] Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. [8] Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. [9] Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. [10] Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [11] "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. [12] Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

1. WE WILL FIND WHAT MAKES THESE PEOPLE BLESSED [HAPPY] AND WHERE

A. BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

- (1) Psalm 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- (2) Isaiah 57:15 For this is what the high and lofty One says-- he who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.
- (3) Isaiah 66:2 Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares the Lord. "This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.
- (4) Matthew 11:28-30 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. [29] Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30] For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

B. FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

- (1) A GREAT AND IMPORTANT STATEMENT
 - (A) 'THEIRS IS'
 - I) NOW, AT THIS TIME.
 - II) EVEN MORE SO WHEN CHRIST ESTABLISHES HIS KINGDOM UPON THE EARTH.
- C. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN
 - (1) FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED.
 - (A) THE FIRST STATEMENT WAS IN THE PRESENT TENSE. THIS ONE IS IN THE FUTURE TENSE. THEY 'SHALL BE'
 - I) THE WOMEN THAT LOST THEIR CHILDREN IN THE PREVIOUS CHAPTERS 'WOULD NOT' BE COMFORTED. SO WE CAN SEE, THAT TODAY WE HAVE PEOPLE WHOSE GRIEF IS SO GREAT THEY WILL NOT BE COMFORTED. BUT A TIME IS COMING WHEN THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.
- D. BLESSED ARE THE MEEK
 - (1) Psalm 37:11 But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace.
 - (2) Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
 - (3) 1 Peter 3:4 Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.
- E. FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH.
 - (1) AGAIN FUTURE TENSE.
 - (2) THOSE WHO ARE MEEK IN SPIRIT WILL INHERIT.
 - (A) WHAT IS THIS VERSE TELLING US?
 - I) DOES IT SAY ALL SHALL INHERIT?
 - (3) SO WHEN IT COMES TO THE KINGDOM FROM HEAVEN WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE RULERS?
- F. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS
 - (1) HUNGER AND THIRST = A VERY STRONG DESIRE.
 - (2) Psalm 34:10 The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
 - (3) Psalm 42:1-3 For the director of music. A maskil of the Sons of Korah. As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. [2] My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? [3] My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"
 - (4) Psalm 63:1 A psalm of David. When he was in the Desert of Judah. O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
 - (5) Psalm 84:2 My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
 - (6) John 7:37-39 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. [38] Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." [39] By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.
- G. FOR THEY SHALL BE FILLED!

- (1) FUTURE TENSE.
 - (A) WHEN WAS THIS FULFILLED?
 - 1) WHEN DID GOD GIVE MAN WHAT WAS ASKED FOR IN THESE VERSES?
- (2) AGAIN, WHO IS THIS FOR?
 - (A) THOSE WHO ARE IN THE KINGDOM FROM HEAVEN!
- H. BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL
 - (1) Matthew 18:27 The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.
 - (2) 1 Peter 3:8 Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.
- I. FOR THEY SHALL RECEIVE MERCY.
 - (1) Ephesians 6:8 because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.
 - (A) A WONDERFUL STATEMENT.
 - 1) IN THE KINGDOM TO COME, ALL WILL BE REWARDED FOR WHATEVER GOOD HE DOES.
- J. BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART
 - (1) Philip. 4:8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.
 - (2) 1 Tim. 1:5 The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. 5:22 Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, and do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure.
 - (3) 1 Peter 1:22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.
 - (4) PURE HEART AND THE NEW BIRTH.
 - (A) 2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!
 - (b) Ephes. 4:24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.
 - (c) 2 Thessalonians. 2:13 But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.
 - (d) 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 2:29 If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him. 3:5-10 But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. [6] No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. [7] Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. [8] He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. [9] No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. [10] This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of

the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother. 5:1-4 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. [2] This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. [3] This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, [4] for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

K. FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD.

(1) HERE THEN IS THE RESULT OF THE NEW BIRTH.

(2) AGAIN IT IS FUTURE, WHEN?

L. BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

(1) THIS IS THE GREATEST PEACE THERE IS, THE PEACE BETWEEN A MAN AND HIS GOD.

(A) THE MESSAGE OF THE PEACEMAKER IS THIS: PEACE COMES THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS A WORK TO DO IN ALL OF US.

- i) Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,
- ii) Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
- iii) Ephesians. 4:3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

(B) THAT WE ARE TO PURSUE PEACE WITH GOD.

- i) Psalm 34:14 Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
- ii) Jeremiah 29:7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."
- iii) 2 Tim. 2:22 Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.
- iv) 1 Peter 3:11 He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it.

M. THEY WILL BE CALLED SONS OF GOD.

- (1) John 1:12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—
- (2) Romans 8:14 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
- (3) Romans 8:19 The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.
- (4) Philip. 2:15 so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe
- (5) 1 John 3:1-2 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

- N. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
 - (1) TAKE A RIGHT STAND WITH GOD AND YOU WILL BE PERSECUTED.
 - (A) JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO GOD THE FATHER.
 - (B) THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD
 - (C) THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUTH
 - (D) STAND AGAINST THE THINGS THAT GOD IS AGAINST AND YOU WILL BE PERSECUTED.
- O. FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.
 - (1) THIS IS A BALANCE.
 - (A) MANY TODAY TAKE NO STAND - THEY HAVE NO KINGDOM.
 - (B) THE QUESTION THAT WE SHOULD BE ASKING OURSELVES, WHAT DOES THE KINGDOM THAT I SERVE LOOK LIKE?
- P. BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN PEOPLE INSULT YOU, PERSECUTE YOU AND FALSELY SAY ALL KINDS OF EVIL AGAINST YOU BECAUSE OF ME. REJOICE AND BE GLAD
 - (1) THIS SOUNDS LIKE WHAT JESUS SAID ABOVE, BUT IT IS A LOT MORE.
 - (2) FIRST, IT IS NOW, TODAY.
 - (A) BLESSED I AM TODAY.
 - (3) HE TELLS US WHAT WILL HAPPEN.
 - (A) PEOPLE INSULT YOU
 - (B) PERSECUTE YOU
 - (C) FALSELY SAY ALL KINDS OF EVIL AGAINST YOU
 - (4) WHY WILL ALL THIS HAPPEN?
 - (A) BECAUSE OF SOMETHING THAT YOU OR I DID? NO NO NO NO
 - 1) BECAUSE OF JESUS.
 - A) IN STEAD OF FEARING AND RUNNING FROM PERSECUTION YOU AND I SHOULD WELCOME IT. REJOICE AND BE GLAD.

IV. PLACE OF THE BELIEVER

- A. MATTHEW 5:[13] "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, 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 on a hill cannot be hidden. [15] Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. [16] In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven
 - 1. YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH. BUT IF THE SALT LOSES ITS SALTINESS, HOW CAN IT BE MADE SALTY AGAIN? IT IS NO LONGER GOOD FOR ANYTHING, EXCEPT TO BE THROWN OUT AND TRAMPLED BY MEN.
 - A. YOU ARE NOW THE SALT OF THE EARTH.
 - B. BUT YOU CAN LOSE YOUR SALTINESS.
 - (1) IF YOU DO? WHAT WILL HAPPEN?
 - (A) Rev. 3:15-16 I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! [16] So, because you are lukewarm--neither hot nor cold--I am about to spit you out of my mouth.
- C. WE KNOW FROM THE HISTORY OF GODS' PEOPLE WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO LOSE THEIR SALTINESS. I CALL THIS HISTORICAL JUDGEMENT!
 - (1) Deut. 28:13 The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully

follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. 28:43 The alien who lives among you will rise above you higher and higher, but you will sink lower and lower. 28:48 therefore in hunger and thirst, in nakedness and dire poverty, you will serve the enemies the Lord sends against you. He will put an iron yoke on your neck until he has destroyed you.

- (2) Judges 2:20-22 Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel and said, "Because this nation has violated the covenant that I laid down for their forefathers and has not listened to me, [21] I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations Joshua left when he died. [22] I will use them to test Israel and see whether they will keep the way of the Lord and walk in it as their forefathers did."

IV. THE PRESENT LAW [GOVERNMENT] WILL END.

- A. MATTHEW 5:[17] "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. [18] I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.
1. CHRIST FULFILLED THE LAW AND THE TEACHING OF THE PROPHETS.
 - A. Romans 10:4 Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.
 2. BUT OUR VIEW IS STILL - UNTIL HEAVEN AND EARTH DISAPPEAR, NOT THE SMALLEST LETTER, NOT THE LEAST STROKE OF A PEN WILL BY ANY MEANS DISAPPEAR.
 - A. WHAT THEN IS THE MEANING? YOU AND I MUST NOT VIEW THE LAW AS A WAY TO LOSE OR GAIN FAVOR WITH GOD. IT IS A MORAL CODE THAT WE WHO ARE SAVED WILL FOLLOW.
 - (1) Matthew 7:12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.
 - (2) Romans 6:15-22 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! [16] Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey--whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? [17] But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. [18] You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. [19] I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. [20] When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. [21] What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! [22] But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

IV. LAWS OF THE KINGDOM - THEY ARE AS BINDING AS THE LAW OF MOSES

- A. MATTHEW 5: [19] Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever

practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. [20] For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

1. WE MUST LOOK VERY CLOSE.

A. WHAT IS THE EVENT?

(1) Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same

(A) TEACHING OR BREAKING ONE OF THE LAWS THAT JESUS JUST PRESENTED.
OR SHOWING NO REGARD FOR THE LAWS OF THE OLD TESTAMENTS.

B. WHAT WILL BE THE RESULT?

(1) will be called least in the kingdom of heaven,

(A) WHAT DOES THIS SAY? WHERE WILL THEY BE CALLED THE LEAST? IF THE KINGDOM FROM HEAVEN. WHAT DOES IT MEAN. THEY HAVE A LOT OF REWARD. SEE MY TEACHING ON THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.

C. AGAIN WHAT IS THE EVENT?

(1) but whoever practices and teaches these commands

D. WHAT WILL BE THE RESULT?

(1) SHALL BE CALLED GREAT IN THE KINGDOM.

2. SOMETHING THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW!

A. [20] For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

(1) YOU CAN NOT ENTER THE KINGDOM BY YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

IV. THE LAWS OF THE KINGDOM ARE GREATER AND BETTER THAN THE LAW OF MOSES

A. Matthew 5:[21] "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' [22] But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

1. THE LAW OF MOSES SAYS DO NOT MURDER - THE LAW OF THE KINGDOM HAS A HIGHER STANDARD.

A. But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment.

(1) WHAT JUDGMENT? HISTORICAL JUDGEMENT AND THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.

B. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

(1) AGAIN, THE OLD LAW WILL GET YOU JUDGED BY THE SANHEDRIN.

(2) BUT YOU ARE GOING TO FACE SOME ONE WHO CAN SEND YOU TO THE FIRE OF HELL.

IV. ON RESTITUTION AND PRAYER

A. MATTHEW 5:[23] "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, [24] leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.

1. THEREFORE.

A. WHAT WAS JUST SAID, PAY ATTENTION.

2. IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAT YOU ARE IN GOOD STANDING WITH YOUR BROTHER THAN TO GIVE GIFTS AT THE ALTAR.
 - A. YES, RECONCILE AND THEN COME AND OFFER YOUR GIFT.
 - (1) NOTICE THE WORDS.
 - (A) WE OFFER A GIFT, IT DOES NOT SAY THAT GOD RECEIVES THE GIFT.

IV. ON CIVIL LAW SUITS

- A. MATTHEW 5:[25] "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. [26] I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.
 1. WE HAVE A CONTRAST HERE!
 - A. GO TO THE COURTS HERE ON EARTH AND YOU WILL PAY ALL THAT YOU OWE.
 2. THIS TIES TO WHAT HE SAID ABOVE.
 - A. SETTLE MATTERS WITH YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST AND YOUR ADVERSARY.
 3. WHEN SHOULD THESE MATTERS BE SETTLED?
 - A. QUICKLY
 4. WHAT HAPPENS IF THEY ARE NOT?
 - A. HE MAY HAND YOU OVER TO THE JUDGE.
 - B. THE JUDGE MAY HAND YOU OVER TO THE OFFICER
 - C. YOU MAY BE THROWN INTO PRISON.
 5. I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, YOU WILL NOT GET OUT UNTIL YOU HAVE PAID THE LAST PENNY.
 - A. IN THE COURT OF HEAVEN.
 - (1) IF YOU LOSE THE REWARD, YOU HAVE LOST THE REWARD.

IV. ON COMMITTING ADULTERY

- A. MATTHEW 5:[27] "You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' [28] But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. [29] If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. [30] And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.
 1. LOOKS AT A WOMAN LUSTFULLY
 - A. NOT THE TEMPTATION THAT SATAN PUTS IN OUR MIND. IT IS THE IMMORAL DESIRE THAT IS PART OF OUR WILL.
 - (1) THIS IS THE STANDARD OF THE KINGDOM.
 - B. WHAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT ALL THIS?
 - (1) 1 Cor. 6:15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! 6:18 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.
 - (2) Galatians 5:19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery;
 - (3) Galatians 5:21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.
 - (4) Ephes. 5:5 For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy

person--such a man is an idolater--has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

- (5) Col. 3:5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.
 - (6) 2 Tim. 2:22 Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.
 - (7) Titus 2:12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,
 - (8) Hebrews 13:4 Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.
 - (9) James 1:14 but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.
 - (10) 1 Peter 2:11 Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.
 - (11) 2 Peter 3:3 First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.
 - (12) 1 John 2:16 For everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world.
- C. JESUS IS TEACHING THAT I CAN NOT HAVE SIN IN ONE PART OF MY LIFE AND THINK THAT I AM RIGHT WITH THE FATHER.
- (1) IT IS WRONG TO THINK, IT DOES NOT MATTER IF I BREAK GODS' LAW OR NOT.

IV. ON DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

A. MATTHEW 5:[31] "It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' [32] But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery.

1. IT HAS BEEN SAID

- a. Deut. 24:1-4 If a man marries a woman who becomes displeasing to him because he finds something indecent about her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house, [2] and if after she leaves his house she becomes the wife of another man, [3] and her second husband dislikes her and writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house, or if he dies, [4] then her first husband, who divorced her, is not allowed to marry her again after she has been defiled. That would be detestable in the eyes of the Lord. Do not bring sin upon the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance.
- b. Isaiah 50:1 This is what the Lord says: [speaking to Israel] "Where is your mother's certificate of divorce with which I sent her away? Or to which of my creditors did I sell you? Because of your sins you were sold; because of your transgressions your mother was sent away.
- c. Jeremiah 3:8 I gave faithless Israel her certificate of divorce and sent her away because of all her adulteries. Yet I saw that her unfaithful sister Judah had no fear; she also went out and committed adultery.

2. WHAT IS JESUS SAYING? THERE IS ONLY ONE REASON FOR DIVORCE?

A. BUT I TELL YOU THAT ANYONE WHO DIVORCES HIS WIFE, EXCEPT FOR MARITAL

UNFAITHFULNESS,

3. WHAT HAPPENS IF THIS IS NOT THE REASON FOR THE DIVORCE?
 - A. CAUSES HER TO BECOME AN ADULTERESS
 - (1) THAT IS IF SHE REMARRIES AS STATED IN DEUTERONOMY CAUSES HER TO COMMIT ADULTERY.
4. WHAT ABOUT ANYONE WHO MARRIES THE DIVORCED PERSON?
 - A. AND ANYONE WHO MARRIES THE DIVORCED WOMAN COMMITS ADULTERY.

IV. ON MAKING VOWS

- A. MATTHEW 5:[33] "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.' [34] But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; [35] or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. [36] And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. [37] Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.
 1. SAID LONG AGO
 - A. Leviticus 19:12 " 'Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the Lord.
 - b. Numbers 30:2 When a man makes a vow to the Lord or takes an oath to obligate himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said.
 2. BUT I TELL YOU, DO NOT SWEAR AT ALL
 - A. Genesis 22:16 and said, "I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,
 - b. Genesis 28:20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear
 - c. Hebrews 6:16 Men swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument.
 3. Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one

IV. ON RETALIATION

- A. MATTHEW 5:[38] "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' [39] But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. [40] And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. [41] If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. [42] Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.
 1. AGAIN, PRINCIPLES OF THE KINGDOM
 - A. DO NOT RETALIATE
 - (1) Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also
 - (A) Romans 12:14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
 - B. DO MORE THAN REQUIRED OF YOU
 - C. BE KIND AND GENEROUS
 - (1) Matthew 18:21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?"

- (2) Luke 6:29 If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic.
- (3) Luke 17:1 Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to sin are bound to come, but woe to that person through whom they come.

IV. ON LOVE

- A. MATTHEW 5:[43] "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' [44] But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, [45] that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. [46] If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? [47] And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? [48] Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.
1. LOVE YOUR ENEMIES
 2. BLESS THEM THAT CURSE YOU
 3. PRAY FOR YOUR PERSECUTORS
 - A. Luke 6:27 "But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,
 - b. John 13:34 A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.
 - c. John 15:9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.
 - d. John 17:26 I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

IV. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A PART OF THE KINGDOM

A.

BROKEN IN SPIRIT, BURDENED FOR OTHERS, MEEK, HUMBLE, HUNGRY FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, MERCIFUL, PURE IN HEART, WISE, PATIENT, LOVING, JOYFUL, AND GRACIOUS	5:3-12
SALT TO PRESERVE AND A LIGHT TO SHINE	5:13-16
A TEACHER AND KEEPER OF THE TRUTH	5:17-19
FREE FROM HYPOCRISY, SELFISHNESS, AND GRUDGES	5:20-24
A PEACE MAKER	5:9, 25-26
FREE FROM LUSTS	5:27-30
A FAMILY MAN	5:31-32
TRUTHFUL	5:31-37
NON-RESISTANT TO MISTREATMENT	5:38-41
CHARITABLE, NEIGHBORLY, AND GOD-LIKE IN SOCIETY	5:38-47

