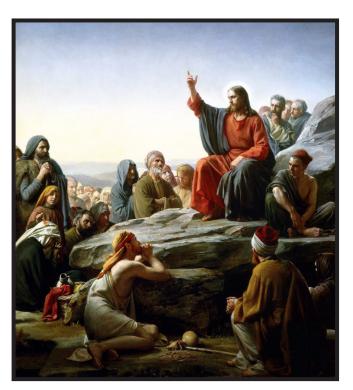


# The Sermon On The Mount

# Matthew 5-7



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# **Lesson 1- The Beatitudes**

TEXT: Matthew 5:1-5	Examine The Text
Please Define: Beatitude	1. What does it mean to be "poor in spirit" (v.3)?
Mourn (v.4)	List 2 examples (with Scriptures) of people who were poor in spirit.
Gentle (v.5) [some have "humble" or "meek"]	3. Why is theirs the kingdom of heaven?
	4. What is to be "mourned" (v.4)?
	5. How shall they be comforted (v.4)?
<b>Kingdom</b> What is the "kingdom of heaven" (v.3)?	6. How shall the meek "inherit the earth" (v.5)? (The Jehovah's Witness' claim this will happen in the
How does this compare to the "gospel of the kingdom" which Jesus was preaching (4:23)?	1000 year reign.]
How do you respond to those who say the kingdom has not yet been established? Or, as the Jehovah's Witness' denomination claims, it was established in 1914?	7. Name some characters from the Old Testament that exhibited meekness. Provide examples from their lives.

# **Lesson 2- The Beatitudes**

TEXT: Matthew 5:6-8  Please Define: Righteousness (v.6)	spiritual hur	Examine The Text hysical hungering and thirsting with ngering and thirsting. Try to use cassages that teach or convey this
Mercy (v.7)	2. How will the	ese be "satisfied" (v.6)?
Blessed (v.3-11)	3. Will the "me or from God	rciful" receive mercy from other men ?
	4. What does "	pure in heart" mean?
Pure In Heart How do these passages indicate we purify our heart?  • 1 Timothy 1:5  • 2 Timothy 2:20-22		nent "they shall see God" a promise n heart (v.8)?
<ul><li>Titus 1:15-16</li><li>1 Peter 1:22</li></ul>		ho are "pure in heart" understand d's motives? Explain your answer.
Once a heart is stained, how is it purified again? (provide Scriptures of the instructions and/or examples)		

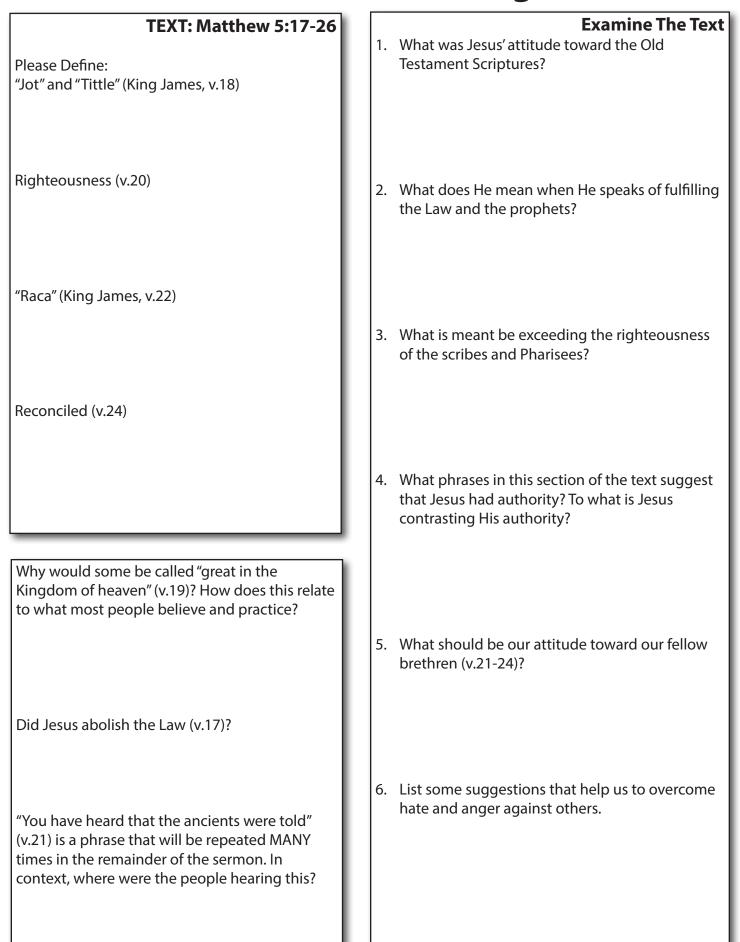
# **Lesson 3- The Beatitudes**

TEXT: Matthew 5:9-12  Please Define: Peace / Peacemaker (v.9)		1.	What would the audience have thought of Jesus' point about the peacemaker?
		2.	What do these passages teach about the king of peace?  • Colossians 1:20
Persecuted (v.10)	П		• Ephesians 2:14-15
			• Romans 5:1
			• John 16:33
		3.	Will persecution make us a stronger or weaker believer?
Peacemakers What peace do we have to make?		4.	How are we persecuted for righteousness sake today?
		5.	Why is theirs "the kingdom of heaven" (v.10)?
Do we have to be a successful peacemaker to please God?  Why will these be called the children of God?		6.	Describe the attitude necessary to rejoice and be glad when people say all kinds of evil against you falsely. What temptations creep up on those not diligent?
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# **Lesson 4- The Similitudes**

TEXT: Matthew 5:13-16  Please Define: The use of salt in the First Century	1.	<b>Examine The Text</b> What characteristics of salt should exemplify the Christian?
Lamp / Lampstand (v.15)	2.	What characteristics of light are Christians to have?
Peck-measure / Basket (v.15)	3.	Explain the meaning of verse 14 in regards to the Christian light.
<b>Let Your Light Shine</b> What are some of a Christian's "goo works"?	4.	The negative implication of verse 15 is that we can hide our light. Why do some do this?
Is it possible to physically separate yourself from the world and still influence the world? Is influencing the world merely living your life as an example?	5.	Why would some glorify our Father when they see our good works (v.16)?
Name some specific relationships in which the Christian should wield influence.		

# Lesson 5- Righteousness



# Lesson 6 - Marriage

	TEXT: Matthew 5:27-37
Please Define: Adultery	
Unchastity (v.32)	
Vow (v.33)	
Oath (v.34)	
"Whoever marries adultery" (v.32).	a divorced woman commits

- Is this about any divorced woman?
- What is the danger to the righteous Christian who would enter such a relationship?

How does the first half of verse 37 apply to:

- Lying
- Gossip
- Slander
- Excuses
- Teaching Others

### **Examine The Text**

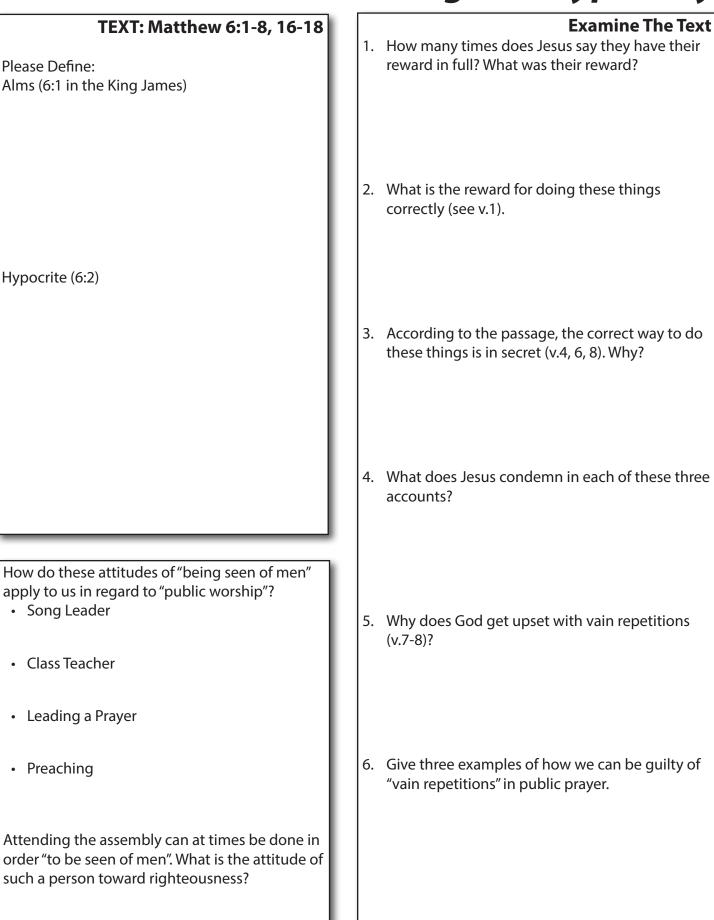
- 1. How does verse 28 condemn our modern society? What kind of things can cause this today?
- 2. What does this say about the power of influence?

- 3. How do verses 28-30 apply to adultery? Is it literal or figurative?
- 4. Is a "certificate of divorce" necessary, or can we merely be "separated" as many seem to be doing?
- 5. What is Jesus arguing in verses 34-36 in regards to swearing and oaths?
- 6. "Make no oath at all" (v.34). Can a person "swear" or "affirm" to tell the truth in court?

# Lesson 7 - Radical Love

TEXT: Matthew 5:38-48		Examine The Text
Please Define: Love (v.44) [Greek word "agape"]	1.	Explain the basic principles behind the Old Testament law of "an eye for an eye" (Ex. 21:22-24; Lev. 24:19-20; Deut. 19:15-21).
Perfect (v.48)	2.	Explain the command "do not resist an evil person". Is Jesus teaching His disciples to never restrain evil in others? Is He forbidding Christians to defend themselves? (See Rom. 12:9-21; 1 Thess. 5:15)
	3.	Is Jesus teaching a new law in verses 43-44?
Compare and contrast the attitudes of the world with the attitudes of the disciple about dealing with others.	4.	Who did the Pharisees consider to be their neighbor? Compare this with verses 46-47.
Can we love our enemies if we don't like them?	5.	God's love is set forth as the standard for the love we are to have for others (v.45, 48). Discuss the nature of God's love and how it is to govern our relationships with others.
What does love require us to do for our neighbors? For our enemies?		

# **Lesson 8 - Religious Hypocrisy**



# Lesson 9 - Teach Us To Pray

TEXT: Matthew 6:9-15	Examine The Text
Please Define: Prayer	1. What is meant by "in this way" (v.9)?
Hallowed (v.9)	2. What is the significance of Jesus teaching us, through His example, to address God as "Father" rather than "Lord," "Jehovah," or some other title?
List some examples of Jesus' prayer life.	3. What is meant by "Thy Kingdom come" (v.10)?
Did Jesus find time to pray, or make time to pray?	4. What is meant by "Thy will be done" (v.10)?
To what does Jesus link our forgiveness (v.12, 14-15)?	5. What else could we include in the petition "give us this day our daily bread" (v.11)?
Explain this in light of 1 John 1:9 which says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."	6. Explain the statement "do not lead us into temptation" (v.13). God does not tempt man (James 1:13).

# Lesson 10 - Loyalty & Trust

TEXT: Matthew 6:19-34	Examine The Tex
Please Define: Mammon (v.24 King James)	1. Is Jesus giving a prohibition against possessing things of this world? What are the "treasures" spoken of in this passage? (Explain. (v.19-21)
	2. Explain verse 22's "the eye is the lamp of the body."
"Worry" or "take no thought" (v.25, 34)	3. What did Jesus mean by a "Clear" eye ("single eye" King James) and an "bad" eye in verses 22-23?
	4. Why does Jesus say we should not be anxious about food, drink or clothing?
What dangers do we face in possessing much of this world's goods?	5. What is meant in verse 25 by "is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing"?
How do we lay up treasures in heaven? How does this compare with the concept of not	6. Are we then to show NO concern about these things?
being able to earn salvation?	7. What should be the believer's main concern?
Based on the number of arguments Jesus makes in verses 25-34 in comparison to other points in the sermon, what significance should this have for us today?	8. What is the negative statement in verse 30?

# **Lesson 11-Judging Others**

<b>TEXT: Matthew 7:1-6</b> Please Define:	Examine The Text  1. What aspect of judging is being forbidden by
Judge (v.1)	Jesus (v.1)?
Is this verse speaking of God's judgment upon us, or man's judgment upon us?	2. In other passages, we are instructed to take actions that require us to "judge" others. Although there are many, consider 1 Corinthians 5:1-13 and 1 John 4:1. Explain the differences between the judgment prohibited by Jesus in Matthew 7 and the judgment required in other passages.
	3. What qualifications are required for being able to remove a "speck" from a brother's eye?
What attitude are we to have in regard to Christians who commit sin and what motives	
should influence our actions?	4. Who is Jesus referring to in verse 6 by "dog" and "swine"?
What about our attitude toward those in the world?	5. What applications can be made of verse 6 in our life?

# **Lesson 12-** Asking; The Golden Rule; The Narrow Gate

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<b>TEXT: Matthew 7:7-14</b> Is this lesson related to the topic of judgment just before it?	<ul> <li>Examine The Text</li> <li>1. Verse 7 tells us to ask, seek, and knock. What attitudes must we have when praying?</li> <li>• Matthew 6:14-15</li> </ul>
Are the statements in verses 7-8 promises?	• James 1:6-7
	<ul><li>James 4:3</li><li>1 John 5:14</li></ul>
	• Luke 11:5-10
	2. What will we receive if we ask, seek and knock?
	3. Verses 9-11 refer to parents. How can parents be "evil"?
	4. Why do we call Matthew 7:12 the "golden" rule? What about it makes it "golden"?
How does Christ exemplify the "golden rule" in His life?	5. What is meant by: "for this is the Law and the Prophets"?
Give some modern examples that would fit the examples of verse 22.	6. How narrow do you think the way to life is (v.13-14)?
	7. What is the emphasis of verse 21?
	8. How does verse 21 deny the false doctrine of 'saved by faith only'?

# **Lesson 13-** Practicing Lawlessness; Two Foundation

## TEXT: Matthew 7:15-29 **Examine The Text** 1. Compare the two builders in verses 24-27. What are the characteristics of each? How do verses 13-14 connect with verses 15-19? How does a false teacher come to us in "sheep's 2. What is portrayed in the images of: clothing"? Explain (v.15). • The "house." The "foundation." What "fruits" help us identify the true and false teacher? The "storms." What will be the punishment (in this text) for 3. Again, what language is used in verses 24-27 to the false teacher? indicate we are saved by more than "faith"? 4. What foundations are some building upon today? **In Your Opinion** Which portion of Matthew 5-7 was the most beneficial to you? 5. Why were the people amazed at Jesus' teaching? Which section did you feel you learned the most about? 6. Give some examples from the entire sermon (chapters 5-7) that demonstrate Jesus teaching as one having authority. Which is your favorite portion, or the portion you feel teaches the most?