

Righteousness On The Mount

Matthew 5-7

Matthew 5:48 Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

The Beatitudes - The blessed rewards of living as citizens of Christ's kingdom (5:3-12)
Our citizenship is in Heaven thus a different character is required of us. - **Philippians 3:20**

The Lessons Of Salt And Light - The effects of Christian living on the world (5:13-16)
We are an influence for good in this wicked world. - **Philippians 2:15**

True Righteousness - The deeper meaning of the law of Christ (5:17-48)
Serving God requires a deep and abiding commitment to him and his law. It is more than just doing the things He has commanded. Action is not all that is involved in True Righteousness.

Practice Without Hypocrisy - The right motives for giving, praying, and fasting (6:1-18)
While we influence others with our service to God, that is not to be the reason for serving. If we are simply looking for men to praise us we have already received all the reward we will get.

The Christian's Concerns - Serving God first will free us from anxiety over lesser things (6:19-34)
When we devote ourselves to God's service the things of this life will seem very minor. There is no comparison between the need for a healthy soul and a healthy body. One will last forever, the other will disappear.

Warning Against Judgment - The dangers of judging others harshly and carelessly (7:1-6)
All will be judged. There is no escaping this judgment. - **Hebrews 9:27**
All have sinned. Can I who am guilty of sin condemn another sinner? - **Romans 3:23; 5:12**
Only God can judge the heart and motive of a sinner. Only God and His word can condemn one who is in sin. - **John 12:48**

Invitation To Prayer - The blessings and privileges of prayer (7:7-12)
Prayer is necessary for us to survive this life. We must thank God and seek His help. - **1Thessalonians 5:17-19; 1Peter 5:7**

The Two Ways - Choose the narrow way, not the broad way that leads to destruction (7:13-14)
Popularity does not equal right. Often it means wrong.

A Tree And Its Fruit - By their fruits ye shall know them (7:15-20)
The attitude of our heart is demonstrated by our actions.

The Importance Of Deeds - To obey God is far better than talking about your obedience (7:21-29)
It is necessary to do the will if we are to please God. - **James 1:25**
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