

Lesson B-The Sermon on the Mount

The Beatitudes

Invocation

Prayer for family, friends, and church family

New Testament Terms

the Sermon on the Mount: The great discourse of Jesus to His disciples containing the Beatitudes, Jesus' exposition of the righteousness of God, the Lord's Prayer, and an exhortation to faith in God's mercy and to hold fast to the Word of Christ.

the Beatitudes: The statements in the Sermon on the Mount which declare the blessedness of Christ which Christians receive and share in through faith in Him.

the Mount of Olives: The famous ridge beyond the Kidron Valley east of Jerusalem, about a mile in length, which included Gethsemane, Bethphage, and Bethany on its slopes.

the righteousness of God: That God the Father offered up His Son 'in payment for man's sin. Christ's obedient sacrifice and payment for sin in His death upon the cross whereby He fulfilled the whole will and Law of God in our place

Central Thoughts

- + The Beatitudes describe Christ and the "blessedness" Christians share in through faith in Him.
- + The Sermon on the Mount teaches that the Gospel is the fulfillment of the Law of Moses and the prophets.
- + The Sermon on the Mount teaches God's Law is fulfilled by sacrificial love, mercy, and forgiveness.
- + The righteousness of God is that Jesus fulfilled God's Law by His suffering and death upon the cross for the world's salvation.

- + The Sermon on the Mount calls the baptized to live by faith in the Gospel of God's grace and not by faith in the works of the Law.
- + Jesus catechizes on the Ten Commandments, teaching that sin begins in the heart, that the Law demands sacrificial love, and that He alone is its fulfillment.
- + Jesus catechizes on the Creed, teaching that God the Father is the creator and provider of all things that we need in this body and life, that we are sons of God through faith in His Son, and that the Holy Spirit of love is freely given to us for Jesus' sake that we might live in His love and mercy toward others.
- + Jesus catechizes on the Lord's Prayer, teaching that God the Father hears the prayers of the faithful because He cares for us and because we belong to His Son.

Bible Reading Matthew 5:1-48

Summary on the Sermon on the Mount

The Sermon on the Mount is one of the most famous, beautiful, and often quoted collection of the sayings of Jesus in the Gospels. It is the first great discourse of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. It begins with the eight sayings of Jesus known as the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes describe Christ and the blessed life of faith we share in Him. What Jesus is He gives to us, and we receive His blessedness by faith in Him. Though we are poor in spirit, we are blessed because the kingdom of heaven is ours. Though we mourn, we are blessed because we shall be comforted. Though we are meek, we are blessed because we shall inherit the Promised Land (eternal salvation). Though we hunger and thirst for righteousness, we are blessed because we shall be filled with the righteousness of Christ. We who are called to be merciful to the unworthy are blessed because we ourselves have obtained mercy from the Lord. We who are called to be pure in heart are blessed because we have the promise that we shall see God. We who are called to be peacemakers are blessed because God has called us His sons. We who are persecuted for the sake of Christ's righteousness are blessed because the kingdom of heaven is ours.

Close with the Lord's Prayer