



## Sermon on the Mount

Activities that uproot the Blessings of God

### Sermon on the Mount Outline Review

- I. Sermon on the Mount is the constitution of the Kingdom of God.
  - a. Eight Beatitudes (Precepts, our job,– Rewards, God’s job)
  - b. Precepts – our job
    - i. Poor in Spirit, Mourn, Meek, Hunger and thirst for righteousness, Merciful, Pure in heart, Peacemakers, *willingness to be* Persecuted for righteousness’ sake
    - ii. If we walk in the precepts that the Lord has set before us, His commanded blessing will be available to us
  - c. Rewards – commanded blessing – God’s job
    - i. Kingdom of Heaven, Comforted, Inherit the earth, Be filled, Obtain mercy, See God, Called sons of God, Kingdom of heaven.
- II. The practical steps – how do we live out these precepts?
  - a. “*Well it is not ....*” Mt 5:21-47 Lists the uprooting or light stealing activities
    - i. anger – spirit of murder
    - ii. adultery – spirit of immorality
    - iii. disregarding the marriage covenant – spirit of treachery that breaks covenant for selfish pursuits
    - iv. false commitments – spirit of manipulation that seeks to promote ourselves
    - v. demanding justice – spirit of pride or bitterness that insists on our personal rights
    - vi. retaliation – spirit of revenge or animosity in relationships
  - b. “*What it could be*” Mt 6:1-18 Lists the grace releasing activities
    - i. “could be” – because we can not continue in sin and then work harder at these activities in order to “pay off” the sin. There is only one way for our sin to be paid – the blood of Jesus Christ
    - ii. Serving
    - iii. Giving
    - iv. Praying
    - v. Forgiving, Blessing adversaries
    - vi. Fasting



## **Uprooting Activities: Adultery/Disregarding the Marriage Covenant**

- I. Two aspects of this – physical and spiritual. Both our physical actions and our spiritual actions must be aligned with God in this area.
- II. Physical – here in this world
  - a. Marriage: between one man and one woman
    - i. Gen 2:24: *Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh*
    - ii. Matthew 19:1-10
- III. Spiritual – Jesus' relationship to the Church, His Bride
  - a. Both physical and spiritual
  - b. Eph 5:22-32
  - c. Hosea – (Mercy...The only reason that Jesus gave as acceptable for divorce is the very thing that He for which He forgave us)
  - d. Song of Songs
  - e. Revelation 19:6-10

***Therefore disregarding the marriage covenant, applying to both married and single, is disregarding our position as bride of Christ.***

- IV. Adultery – Spirit of Immorality
  - a. Eyes: Matthew 5:29, Job 31:1
  - b. Thoughts Matthew 5:28, James:12-15
  - c. Actions (physical, verbal, technological): Matthew 5:30



- V. Why does it really matter? Preparing for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit
- a. The Spirit is going to visit the church with great power. When He releases more of His manifest presence, then He requires more agreement with His heart (holiness). This is seen in Acts 5:1-11.
  - b. We see how Jesus feels about immorality in His message to the church in Pergamos. Immorality is all sexual activity outside of marriage (physical, verbal, technological). It grants Satan legal “doors of access” to bring harm to our life and family as well as spiritually injuring our hearts.

*You hold fast to My name... I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught...Israel to...commit sexual immorality... Repent, or I will come to you...and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth. (Rev. 2:13-16)*

- c. False teaching on grace makes people comfortable in their compromise, instead of giving them confidence to pursue purity, knowing that it is attainable and that God enjoys them in the process.
- d. The sword of Jesus’ mouth refers to His power being released by His commands. If we obey His Word, it will be as a sword that liberates us. If we reject it, it will be as a sword that troubles us.
- e. Jesus’ zeal that His people stand against immorality is seen by how much He emphasized it.

*I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience (endurance)... I have a few things against you, because you allow (tolerate, NIV) that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess...to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality... (Rev. 2:19-20)*

- VI. Pursue 100-fold obedience (Mt. 5:48)
- a. Jesus’ called us to pursue a lifestyle of obedience that seeks to be perfect (mature in obedience). Walking mature in our obedience is relative in this age and absolute in the age-to-come. In this age, we never attain to perfection in the absolute sense. We are to walk in the fullness of the light that we receive from the Spirit. This includes declaring war on all our lust that the Spirit reveals.

*You shall be perfect (walk in all the light you receive) as your Father...is perfect. (Mt. 5:48)*

- b. The pursuit of 100-fold obedience includes making a covenant with our eyes (Ps. 101:3; Job 31:1), bridling our speech (Jas 3:2; Eph. 4:29-5:4), managing our time (for service and prayer with the Word, Eph. 5:15-16) and money to increase the Kingdom beyond our personal comfort and honor (Mt. 6:19-21) as we engage in communing prayer with the Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 13:14).