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Sermon on the Mount Overview

The Sermon on the Mount is the direct _____ spoken by _____.

It is the _____ for living in the _____ of God.

The SOTM begins with the eight Beatitudes or _____ of _____
for us to live by.

8 Beatitudes

Blessed are the _____ ⇒ for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Blessed are those who **mourn** ⇒ for they _____

Blessed are the _____ ⇒ for they shall inherit the earth

Blessed are those who _____ ⇒ for they shall be filled

Blessed are the _____ ⇒ for they shall obtain _____

Blessed are the **pure in heart** ⇒ for they _____

Blessed are the _____ ⇒ for they shall be called sons of God

Blessed are those who are _____ ⇒ for theirs is the

Jesus then tells us to stand and live according to these principles, to stand firm, and to be
_____ and _____.

What it's Not: 6 Negative Activities

1. **anger** (spirit of murder, Mt. 5:21-26)
2. **adultery** (spirit of immorality, Mt. 5:27-30)
3. **disregarding the marriage covenant** (spirit of treachery, Mal. 2:13-17 that breaks covenant for selfish pursuits, Mt. 5:31-32)
4. **false commitments** (spirit of manipulation that seeks to promote ourselves, Mt. 5:33-37)
5. **demanding justice** (spirit of pride or bitterness that insists on our personal rights, Mt. 5:38-41)
6. **retaliation** (spirit of revenge or animosity in relationships, Mt. 5:42-47)

What it Could be: 5 Grace Releasing Activities

1. Serving (Mt 6:1-4)
2. Giving (Mt 6:19-21, 5:42)
3. Praying (Mt 6:5-13)
4. Forgiving, Bless adversaries (Mt 6:14-15, 5:44)
5. Fasting (Mt 6:16-18)



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Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord. “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the Lord, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Jeremiah 31:31 - 34(NASB)

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"One of the words of Scripture, which is almost going out of fashion, is the word 'Covenant'. There was a time when it was the keynote of the theology and the Christian life of strong and holy men. It will be found still to bring strength and purpose to those who will take the trouble to bring all their life under control of the inspiring assurance that they are living in covenant with a God who has sworn faithfully to fulfill in them every promise He has given. So valuable and so solemn was the truth of covenant, that the ancients would cut the covenant with the spillage of blood! The Lord Jesus Christ said to those Jews who had believed Him, 'If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (John 8:31, 32). This "truth will set you free". How so? Covenant was above all to give man a hold upon God as the Covenant-keeping God, to link him to God Himself in expectation and hope, to bring him to make God Himself Alone the portion and the strength of His soul. I feel confident that if I can lead any to listen to what God has to say to them of His Covenant, and to deal with Him as a Covenant God, it will bring them strength and joy.

The Bible uses just two words for "covenant" that occur 316 times in 295 verses. In the Old Testament Hebrew *berith* means literally “to cut”, an alliance, pledge, treaty, league, constitution, and an agreement. In the New Testament Greek *diatheke* means a disposition, arrangement, covenant, testament or will.

Biblical examples of types of Covenant include

- God to Man
- Man to Man
- Nation to Nation



Five Principle Covenants (God to Man) in the Bible

1. *The covenant with Noah.*
2. *The covenant with Abraham.*
3. *The covenant at Sinai.*
4. *The covenant with David.*
5. *The New Covenant*

God's covenants are never, strictly speaking, conditional. God makes it clear that He will remove His blessings over _____ (Deut 28:15-19, Deut 30). But He will never _____ or _____ His loving commitment. (Isaiah 49:15, Hosea 11:8-9)

Proverbs 2:11 My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline and do not resent His rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those He loves, as a father the son he delights in.

The New Testament contains many obligations on Christians, and many passages like the following:

- If you love me, you will obey what I command (John 14:15).
- You are my friends if you do what I command (John 15:14).
- Faith without deeds is dead (James 2:26).

The Lord made a New Covenant with us. He provided Himself as the perfect "cutting" for the covenant. When we choose not to keep our part of the covenant we are disregarding the Lord for our own selfish pursuits.

What are the roots of common selfish pursuits that keep me from pursuing my part of the covenant with the Lord as identified by Malachi?

1. (Mal. 1:2,13; 4:6).
2. (Neh. 13:4-9,28-31; Mal. 1:6; 2:1-9; 3:3,4).
3. (Mal. 1:7-14).
4. (Neh. 10:32-39; 13:10-14; Mal. 3:8-12).
5. (Neh. 10:31; 13:15-22).
6. (Mal. 2:17; 3:13-15,18).
7. (Ezra 9:1,2; Neh. 10:30; 13:23-28; Mal. 2:10-16).
8. (Neh. 5:1-13; Mal. 3:5).

The Lord is calling us radical (by today's standard) reverence and to be the "righteous remnant" that fear His Name. What is our answer?