

To Be a Disciple

Unit 901: Jesus Shapes the Will of the Disciple

Matthew 5:1-20

CONTINUITY FROM LAST WEEK

1. Jesus first act in Public Ministry is calling of disciples to Himself.
2. Jesus calls disciples and us - we do not choose Jesus; He chooses us.
3. Identified the 7 G's of contemporary discipleship (Grace, Growth, Gifts, Giving, Gathering, Groups, Going).
4. Since we are all "works in progress", keep the *Gospel Motivation* in our discipleship.
5. The *Sermon on the Mountain* exposes how Jesus *trained his disciples* (and us) to live a New Life with a New Righteousness in the Kingdom of God.
6. Critical to stop reading Matthew as a *History Book to be Believed*.
7. Matthew is a LIVING BOOK that calls us to a LIVING DISCIPLESHIP (The Words have consequences that call us into immediate action).

I. THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT [Be-Attitudes] 5:1-11

A. MOUNTAINS ... places of great events and divine revelations

B. SITTING ... posture for preaching and training

C. Initial section of Sermon on Mount called BE-ATTITUDES

1. Beatitudes 1-4 pronounce *blessing on those who have nothing – and need everything*
2. Beatitudes 5-8 deal with the *final judgment and the new world that God will create*.

D. Greek μακάριος = blessed, happy at receiving God's fav

1. *poor in spirit* (repentant and dependent) ... Isaiah 66:2)
2. *those who mourn* (long for comfort over sin) ... Isaiah 61:1-2
3. *the meek* (humble and trusting God for mercy ... Psalm 37:11
4. *hunger and thirst for righteousness* (know sin and craving righteousness ... Jeremiah 23:5-6
5. *merciful* (patient, gentle, understanding, forgiving)
6. *pure in heart* (undivided, single-hearted loyalty)
7. *peacemakers* (bring peace to the Body) ... Isaiah 9:6
8. *persecuted for righteousness sake* (ridiculed or killed) ... Matthew 20:28

II. THREE IMAGES OF NEW LIFE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD (Matthew 5:13-16)

- A. *You are the salt of the earth* (preserve from judgment)
- B. *You are the light of the world* (shining good works lead to faith)
- C. *You are a city set on a hill* (visible for all to see)

III. THE DISCIPLE AND HIS RELATIONSHIP TO THE LAW (Matthew 5:17-20)

- A. *the Law and the Prophets* ... standard Jewish name for entire Old Testament.
- B. PERFECT LOVE is the fulling of the Law (for God and the Neighbor)
- C. First Table (Commandments 1-3) ... Matthew 25:35-38
- D. Second Table of the Law (Commandments 4-10) ... Matthew 22:39-40
- E. True disciples view the Law through the Cross of Jesus Christ.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What does the term *Kingdom of Heaven* mean. What are the conditions that accompany the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven?
2. What were the *characteristic actions* of Jesus as He ushered in the Kingdom of Heaven?
3. What does Jesus give the *new standard of discipleship* on a *mountain*? What other events in Jesus life took place on *mountains*?
4. The *Beatitudes* are divided into two sections. What are they? What is the basic idea behind each of these two sections?
5. What are the three illustrations Jesus uses for the good works that a disciple performs in obedience to Jesus?
6. Why must a disciple take the Law of God [10 Commandments] seriously?
7. What should be our reaction to the Law of God?
8. How does the Law of God [10m Commandments] affect our daily lives?