

To Be a Disciple

Unit 1001: The Disciple's Relationship to the Law of God

Matthew 5:21-48

CONTINUITY FROM LAST WEEK

1. After calling disciples to Himself, Jesus trains and shapes their will and thinking through the *Sermon on the Mountain* (Matthew 5-7) and 8 BE-ATTITUDES
2. Sermonic *be-attitudes* draw the disciple into a new and BLESSED lifestyle.
3. The *attitude* of a disciple will determine his / her *altitude*.
4. Jesus himself is the embodiment of all nine of the be-attitudes

I. THREE IMAGES OF THE BE-ATTITUDE DISCIPLE (Matthew 5:13-16)

- A. Verse 13 ... You are the **salt** of the earth (*preservative*)
- B. Verse 14 ... You are the **light** of the world (*spur unbelievers to saving faith*)
- C. Verse 14 ... You are a **city set on a hill** (*visible for others to see*)

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

- A. Law and the Prophets - Standard name for entire Old Testament Scriptures
 - B. Purpose of the Law (10 Commandments) is always LOVE.
 - a. Love toward GOD (Matthew 22:35-38)
 - b. Love toward the NEIGHBOR (Matthew 22:39-40)
 - c. Jesus came to FULFILL the purpose and intention of the Law for us
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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 [10 Commandments] affect our daily lives?

III. Jesus ELEVATES the Law (10 Commandments) to INTENTIONS OF THE HEART

1. TAKING HUMAN LIFE (Exodus 20:13)
2. LUST (Exodus 20:14)
3. DIVORCE (Deuteronomy 24:1-4)
4. SWEARING FALSELY (Leviticus 19:12, Numbers 30:2, Deuteronomy 23:21)
5. RETALIATION (Exodus 21:23-25, Leviticus 24:19-20, Deuteronomy 23:21)
6. LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are the five examples that Jesus uses for the NEW RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE DISCIPLE as a follower of Christ and citizen of the Kingdom of God?
2. What is the SINGLE IDEA OR CONCEPT that lies behind the whole Law of God - and which summarizes what God wills for humankind?
3. Name the area of human life that the 6th Commandment actually deals with.
4. How much of our speech and conversation does God call us to account for?
5. Are there any situations where revenge is justified for a disciple?
6. What should we do about *unreasonable demands* on us by other people - if we want to be Jesus' disciples?

