

Matthew – Part 3

The Sermon of Jesus on the Mountain

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing an exciting series of studies on The Gospel of Matthew. Our topic today: The Sermon of Jesus on the Mountain

Scripture Theme Song: Praise Him the Heights (Ps. 148:1-4)

- 1) Matthew's account of the Sermon on the Mount
 - a) Matthew 5:1-2 (106 verses total)
 - b) Luke 6:20 (30 verses total)
 - c) What can we learn from the fact that Matthew and Luke's accounts are not exactly the same?
 - d) As you read the entire sermon, what portion of the sermon impacts you the most?
- 2) The teaching of Jesus about the law of God
 - a) Matthew 5:17-19
 - b) Matthew 5:21-22
 - c) Matthew 5:27-28
 - d) Matthew 5:43-48
 - e) Some suggest Jesus is doing away with the law of God here and replacing it with the law of Christ. How would you respond?
- 3) Outward conformity versus inward conversion
 - a) Matthew 5:20 – Is Jesus teaching that salvation comes through perfect law keeping?
 - b) John 3:16
 - c) Romans 10:9-13
 - d) John 14:15 - Have you ever tried to earn God's favor through strict obedience to His law? How does your attitude towards God's law change when you have a loving relationship with Jesus as your Savior and Lord?
- 4) God's ideal for His children
 - a) Matthew 5:48 (also read Luke 6:36)
 - b) What is Jesus asking us to do?
 - c) Is this a means of salvation or an evidence of a living, loving connection with Jesus? (Galatians 2:20-21)
 - d) Share a time when you saw the character of God reflected in someone's life. How did that impact you? Or how were you impacted when someone saw the loving character of God reflected in you?
- 5) The teaching of Jesus about prayer
 - a) Mark 1:35
 - b) Luke 6:12
 - c) Matthew 6:5-13
 - d) What important lessons can we learn about prayer from the example and teachings of Jesus?
- 6) Living what we learn
 - a) Matthew 7:24-27
 - b) What is the appeal of Jesus?
 - c) Why does Jesus want us to live in harmony with His teachings? John 13:17
 - d) Why was the teaching of Jesus so powerful?
 - e) What teaching of Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount impacts you the most?
 - f) What would our world be like if everyone followed the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount?