

Chapter 5

The Beatitudes

How does the giving of the Beatitudes compare/contrast to the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai? (note 5:1)

What are the meanings of the following beatitudes?

Blessed are: The poor in spirit (note 5:3)

Those who mourn (note 5:4)

The meek (note 5:5)

Those who hunger and thirst (nt. 5:6)

The merciful (note 5:7)

The pure in heart (note 5:8)

The peacemakers (note 5:9)

Those who are persecuted (nt. 5:10)

Salt & Light

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus calls God “Father” 17 times. Why is this important? (note 5:16)

The Fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets

What is the meaning of the following passage: “For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Note 5:20)

Concerning Anger

What is the significance of the “Six Antitheses” when Jesus cites the Old Law “you have heard that it was said” and responds “But I say to you?” (note 5:21-48)

What is the deeper meaning of “thou shall not kill?”
(note 5:21).

Concerning Swearing Oaths

What does Jesus mean by swearing false oaths?
(note 5:33)

Concerning Retaliation

Was is meant by the saying “An eye for an eye and a
tooth for a tooth”? (note 5:38).

Chapter 6

Concerning Almsgiving

What were the three traditional works of mercy
honored by Jews? (note 6:1-18)

Concerning Prayer

What is the relationship between private prayer and communal prayer? (note 6:6)

What is the importance of the “Our Father” prayer? (note 6:9-13)

Chapter 7

Judging Others

What is the difference between judging the act and judging the person? (note 7:1-6)

Chapter 8

Jesus Cleanses a Leper

How does the cleansing of a leper and the Mosaic Law on ritual cleanliness relate to the Sacrament of Reconciliation? (note 8:4)

Would-be Followers of Jesus

What does Jesus mean when he says, “leave the dead to bury their own dead”? (note 8:22)

Jesus Calms the Storm at Sea

How does this miracle compare / contrast to the experience of Jonah in the Old Testament? (note 8:22-37)

Chapter 9

Jesus Heals a Paralytic

Forgiveness of sins in the Old Testament was available only through the sacrificial system of the Temple in Jerusalem. Is Jesus superior to the Old Covenant system established by Moses? (note 9:3)

Does Jesus give this authority to forgive sins to men? (note 9:8)

The Call of Matthew

What is meant when Jesus says “I desire mercy and not sacrifice for I came not to call the righteous but sinners?” How does Jesus subtly rebuke the Pharisees by citing the prophet Hosea? (note 9:13)

Questions About Fasting

What is the meaning of the old garment and the old wineskins as it relates to the new garment and wineskins? (note 9:16, note 9:17)

Harvest is Plentiful the Laborers are Few

What is the meaning of the word sheep and shepherd in the Old Testament? (note 9:36)

Chapter 10

The Twelve Disciples

What is the significance of choosing twelve apostles? (note 10:2)

The Mission of the Twelve

Why did Jesus send the twelve out only to the Israelites of Galilee? (note 10:5)

Coming Persecutions

What is the meaning of the following passage:
“When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel, before the Son of man comes.” (note 10:23)