

## Introduction

1. The first chapter of the marvelous sermon on the mount – Matthew 5, 6, 7.
2. Imagine sitting at Jesus' feet for this amazing lesson.
3. Lessons for Christians today regarding the "kingdom of heaven."
4. Jesus started His sermon with the "Beatitudes" which describe the life and manner of the "blessed" ones in the kingdom.



### Select Verses

- 5:1 - *"And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him."*
- 5:11 - *"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake."*
- 5:16 - *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."*
- 5:21 - *"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment."*
- 5:27-28 - *"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery; <sup>(28)</sup>but I say unto you...."*
- 5:31-32 - *"It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: <sup>(32)</sup>But I say unto you...."*
- 5:38-39 - *"Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: <sup>(39)</sup>But I say unto you...."*
- 5:43-45 - *"Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy <sup>(44)</sup>But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; <sup>(45)</sup>That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."*

## Select Thoughts / Themes



1. Define the word “*Blessed*” as found here.
2. Was the Lord’s method of teaching effective?  
“*Ye have heard ... but I say unto you....*”
3. Examine the passages that speak of the “*kingdom of heaven*” (vs. 3, 10, 19-20).
4. What are the **main points** of this chapter of Scripture?
5. Who are citizens in the kingdom? How did they become citizens? (Rom. 6:16; Col. 1:13-14; Matt. 16:13-18).



## To Consider Further...

1. Select a few select passages in Matthew 5 that particularly applies to God’s faithful people today.
2. What is the relationship of Christians to the world?  
Especially note verses 13-16.
3. In what ways were God’s people then (as well as now) to “*exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees*”?
4. Read and describe the individual beatitudes of our Lord.  
“*Poor in spirit*”  
“*They that mourn*”  
“*The meek*”  
“*They that hunger and thirst after righteousness*”  
“*The merciful*”  
“*The pure in heart*”  
“*The peacemakers*”  
“*They that are persecuted for righteousness’ sake*”
5. What is stated in Scripture about Jesus and the Law of Moses?