

MATTHEW 5, 6, & 7

INTRO:

*Called the Sermon on the Mount -

-All over America this is taught as Christian Doctrine.

-But have to remember the majority of it is not Doctrine for the current age of grace/ the church age.

-You may be able to spiritualize it and makes great preaching, but have to be careful how you apply it doctrinally.

* A rule of thumb of applying the Sermon on Mount doctrinally to the Christian is this age.

-If whatever Jesus says in MT. 5, 6, & 7 - you can find a Biblical basis in the Pauline Epistles - okay to teach it for doctrine.

-For example: MT 5:14 says - "Ye are the light of the world."

-You can apply it to the Christian because Paul says in Eph. 1:18 - "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened"

-Eph 5:8 - "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:"

-Hebrews 10:32 - "...ye were illuminated"

-1 Pe. 2:9 - "...that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

-For example: MT 5:13 says - "Ye are the salt of the earth:"

-Paul says in Colossians 4:6 - "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

-If you think about it our presentation of gospel has to bitter at times. When you tell a man because of his sin, he is going to hell and burn for eternity.

-Sometimes you have to do it that way.

-You can't sugar coat it. Like doctor tells you, that you have cancer. He can't sugar coat it, he has to be straight out about it.

*So, in those cases can apply to the Christian.

*An example where can't apply to the Christian:

-MT 5:9 - "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

-A person ⁱⁿ the current age of grace doesn't become a child of God by or for making peace.

-A person becomes a child of God by receiving Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. - SEE John 1:12.

-We are born of the gospel - See 1 Cor. 4:15.

-We weren't begotten of God for making peace.

-If this was the case then every politician in the world would be a Christian, who is trying to make peace.

-There are some ambassadors who think they are more of a Christian than the average pastor because going around making peace because think MT. 5:9 is Christian doctrine for this dispensation.

-But MT 5:9 is not Christian Doctrine for the current age of grace.

*When Jesus begins Sermon on the Mount, he is not in the dispensation but still in the dispensation of Law under the O.T. Law.

-He is in Daniel's 69th week right before the crucifixion.

-We know the prophecy in Daniel tells us after the 69th week that the Messiah would be cut-off.

-And Daniel's 70th week would begin, the Tribulation.

-After Daniel's 70th week, the Millennium would have begun, the kingdom of heaven, the literal, physical 1,000 year rule of the Lord Jesus Christ would have begun.

-This was all contingent upon Israel as a Nation accepting the offeror, accepting the Jesus as the Messiah the anointed one.

-Repenting and submitting to the Baptism of John the Baptist.

-There would have been no church age, because it was not revealed to O.T. Prophets.

-Remember, all they saw was the first and second coming of Christ back to back and not the valley between (the church age).

*So, as Jesus begins to deliver the Sermon on the Mount, we are within 10 years of the kingdom being set-up.

-Because the Jew rejects and God knew that in his foreknowledge.

-God in his foreknowledge had ordained before the foundation of the world that there was going to be a church, a body of Jew and Gentiles.

-But nobody knew that until after the Jew rejected the Messiah and Paul is saved and given that mystery (that there was a church) in Ephesians 3.

-So, you cannot read this back into the Book of Matthew, because has not taken place as of yet.

-So, you have to assume after reading MT 5, 6, & 7 if the Jew had accomplished what he was getting ready to tell them, he would have brought about all the promises in the O.T.

-And Daniel's 70th week would have come through.

-the second advent would have taken place

-the Millennium would have begun.

*So, then the Sermon on the Mount then is not the conditions for salvation for a Christian - if it is then according to MT 5:29, everyone better get there pluckers out.

*Primarily, it applies to a Jew and the nation Israel at the first coming when everything is about to fulfilled in the coming of the Messiah, and the promise of the Messiah and the Jew's reception of him as the Messiah.

*So, although we can learn some things from the Sermon on the Mount most of it cannot apply to the Christian doctrinally.

*So, Christians present, when Jesus giving Sermon on the Mount.

*Christians first mention Acts. 11:26. So, it is a Jewish Message, given by the Jewish Messiah to the house of Israel.

MT 5:1-2: "them" - refers to his disciples -

See Luk 6:20 - complimentary passage - Sermon on the Mount.

MT account says he went away from multitude

Jesus began to teach his disciples -

He teaches "disciples" - not just 12 Apostles -

Doesn't choose 12 until MT 10.

Could be other disciples - those who followed - not clear.

We know John 6 - told Jesus had multitude of disciples until I gave them some hard facts, then these folks left him - See John 6:59-66 -

MT 5:3 - Notice that "Heaven" is not the subject of the discourse but the "Kingdom of Heaven"

"Blessed" means happy - defined in Ge 30:13

"poor in spirit" defined in Ps 51:17 - as a contrite heart is a broken heart.

Someone who is not exalted in spirit -

Context is the Kingdom - of heaven

In order to get into the Kingdom, to be the children of Kingdom - ^{to reap benefits of Kingdom} a person is going to have to be poor in spirit -

* Contrast with - being a child of God, Kingdom of God.

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• Everyone who was baptized in John's baptism was "poor in spirit" - they were broken because of repentance. - Their hearts were broken; contrite - confessed sins.

• The Book of Ecclesiastes says - happy to be in the house of mourning than the house of mirth - (merry)

• A person can do more for themselves down on their face weeping over their sins, than they can out having a good time.

• See, while you are out having a good time you are oblivious to sin in its relationship to God.

• When you get into the Bible and see how wicked you are, it is better to be in a place of mourning. - that is a blessed place.

• There is nothing more blessed than when you have had a soul shattering experience with God.

Where God has dealt with you over sin and you have confessed it and gotten right with the Lord -

The Bible says "when a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." - Prov. 16:7

* For a Jew at this particular point to be blessed for the kingdom and get into the kingdom he is going to have to have that kind of heart attitude

A Jew that is lifted up in the tribulation and exalted - by getting along with anti-Christ will not get into kingdom - end-up in Hell

It is the Jew who is broken and contrite over sin and wickedness, the wickedness of the anti-Christ - will get into kingdom -

During the tribulation will be the greatest amount of wickedness there ever was.

And people that are right with God and want to do God's will -

That is the kind of person who is going to mourn over that.

see James 2:5 - Talks about poor - heirs of kingdom
 Isa. 29:19 - Poor - rejoice Holy one -

MT 5:4 - Notice again how futile it is to apply the passage doctrinally to a situation involving salvation. -

- A lot of people mourn who are never comforted - See MT 13:42.

- See Ezekiel 9:4 - Same ones as in Rev. 7 -

• The ones that are sealed in the tribulation are the ones that cry and sigh for the abominations of Jerusalem.

• They are the ones who are mourning over sin and wickedness, death and the misery that is taken place, that are sad and sorrowful for sin.

• That is something that will be required of a person in the tribulation before they can get into Millennium.

- That is the reason for the 144,000 being sealed because they will move over what is going on in Jerusalem.
 - In Jerusalem during the Tribulation, with antichrist - will be the abomination of the desolation - See MT 24:15, Dan. 9:27
 - Antichrist will set-self up in temple as god to be worshipped -
 - The abomination that makes it desolate, the wicked one himself, the wickedness and the sinfulness that will be going on will be unparalleled in time.
 - Fornication, adultery, homosexuality, stealing, killing, and deception will be worst it has ever been on the earth.
 - The people who are sorrowful over this for righteousness sake, they are the ones who are not going to accept the mark of the beast.
 - The ones who put up with the antichrist are going to accept his mark.
- see Isa 61:2 -
 James 4:9 Remember, ^{who} James written to -

- MT 5:5 • Leaves Christian out all together -
- Christian's inheritance has nothing to do with the earth.
 - We are going to wind-up in New Jerusalem -
 - So, Jesus speaking about somebody different than the Christian
 - Now, if a man is not meek in tribulation and he is proud, has a proud spirit; He gravitate to the antiChrist -
 - The antiChrist will be Satan in carnate.
 - Satan is said to be King over all the "children of Pride" - Job 41.34

- Can spiritualize - for Christian -
- The Christian is to be meek, mild.
- One of the qualifications of Pastor in I Timothy 3.3 "no striker" -
- In other words you are not to defend yourself, unless someone is literally attacks you - e.g. trying to beat your head in. - okay - defend yourself. -
- If somebody curses you or speaks evil of you, even though in flesh - want to punch the person, out - you are not suppose to. -
- See New Testament Almonition - Rom 12: 18-20.

- Jesus Christ is telling the Jew at this time, how they may reap the benefits of the Kingdom of Heaven on this earth. -
- He is laying down the rules to get into the Kingdom for the nation of Israel.
- The Christian has an inheritance but not the earth. -
- The Christian's inheritance deals with reigning in the Millennium, living in the New Jerusalem, and in a new body. -
- But this someone who is going to wind-up on the earth for eternity is the 'Jew' - See MT 19:28-29
- Some reference on this - that will give you some information on the tribulation and right before the second coming - Psalm 37:11, Zephaniah 2:3 -
- When the Anti Christ leads a man up to the altar to cut his head-off, he is going to have to be meek.
- This was one of the characteristics of Jesus Christ as a sacrifice.

- He was meek, he didn't revile his persecutors -
- He wasn't weak, crying like a babying -
- He took it like a man, but he was meek, because that is what God called him to do and he intended to do it.

• It is God's purpose in the tribulation to sacrifice the nation Israel. -

MT 5:6.

- In the tribulation they are going to hunger and thirst.

- They