

Jesus – the Teacher’s teacher

1. Jesus the Teacher: Lk 20:21-22
 - (1) So the spies questioned him: "Teacher, we know that you speak and teach what is right, and that you do not show partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth.
 - (2) Mt 8:19 - Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."
 - (3) Nicodemus, John 3:1-2
2. The Sermon on the Mount – Charta Magna of the Kingdom of heaven
3. Sermon on the Mount – The word “Heaven” is mentioned 17 times.
 - (1) Begins with heaven – “Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” 5:3
 - (2) Ends with heaven - “Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my father who is in heaven.” 7:21
 - (3) When we pray, it is to “our Father who is in heaven..”6:9
 - (4) Sermon is about heaven!
 - (5) The sermon demonstrated His authority – “The crowds were amazed at His teaching, because he taught as one who had authority...” 5:28
 - (6) He confirmed their conclusion just before ascending back to heaven, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me...” Matt. 28:18
4. Thesis – “Except your righteousness exceeds that of the Pharisees and teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.” 5:20
5. Background to the Sermon.
 - (4) He calls to Himself disciples later designated apostles.
 - (5) He embarks on a healing and teaching ministry 4:21-25
 - (6) with a huge multitude for His audience, He sits on the mountainside begins..

DISCUSSION – In This Sermon Jesus describes the citizens of His heaven--

- I. “Blessed are the poor in Spirit ... theirs is the kingdom of heaven” Matt. 5:3.

1. This beatitude is about the person who is abjectly and completely poverty-stricken; the person who is absolutely destitute. Spiritually!
 - (1) **Isa. 64:6** – all our righteousness are as filthy rags;
 - (2) Since that person had no earthly resources whatever, that person puts her whole trust in God. **Psalm 34:6**
 2. This beatitude in its complete form may be paraphrased as, “Blessed is the person who becomes conscious of his own spiritual helplessness and puts his whole trust in God. Two things will occur in such a person’s life.
 - i. Detachment from things and
 - ii. attachment to God
- II. “Blessed are those who mourn” Matt. 5:4
1. The word “mourn” as used here is descriptive of “mourning for the dead.” This is grief that is so strong that it cannot be concealed. Gen.37:34
 2. Sorrow for one’s own sin and own unworthiness.
 - (1) **Luke. 15:21** – Prodigal, I have sinned against heaven...
 - (2) **Lk. 18:13** – Tax Collector– God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”
 - (3) This is the main emphasis in this beatitude
 3. The religion of Jesus begins with a sense of sin. We look at the cross and we see the horrors of sin and in this we experience intense sorrow for our own guilt. This beatitude says “blessed is the one who is intensely sorry for her sin, the one who is heart-broken for what his sin has done to the Father and Jesus Christ; the one who sees the cross and is horrified by the havoc sin creates.
 4. This person will be comforted because of those emotional experiences.
 - (1) Those are the experiences described in the word “penitence.” Psalm 51:17.
 - (2) The joy of forgiveness comes through deep sorrow of a broken heart.
- III. “Blessed are the meek ...inherit the earth” Matt. 5:5
1. Meekness is controlled anger. It is to be angry at the right time and never angry at the wrong time.

2. Meekness is a self that is under control (self-control). This beatitude is descriptive of the individual who has every passion under control. Whose control? God!!!

IV. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness” Matt. 5:6.

1. The person who will be filled is the one with such intense desire for the righteousness of God that they will do everything God wills .

(1) Psalm 42:1,2 – as the deer pants for streams of water..

V. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy,” Matt. 5:7

1. Since we are all guilty of sin and conscious of this guilt and since we are aware that we are not “without sin” (John 8:7); then there is a basic universal understanding of mercy. Each one has cried out for mercy at some time or the other. If we are in need of it, Jesus says we must give it.

2. This is the principle that runs throughout the Bible.

(1) James 2:13 – Judgment without mercy..

(2) Luke 11:4;

(3) Matt. 6:12, 14-15.

3. “Mercy is to get into the person’s skin and to see as they see, feel as they feel, think as they think.

(1) John 1:14

(2) Phil. 2:5-7

(3) To be considerate of the other person’s feelings, Luke 6:31- do unto others as you...

(4) It is the coming of God in Christ and the passion of Christ for man. Heb. 4:15-16.

VI. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” Matt. 5:8

1. “Pure” is “*katharos*” which is used in a two-fold way.

(1) To be clean in the way clothes are clean

(2) To be untainted or unmixed in the way milk is kept pure.

2. So to be “pure” is to be unmixed, unadulterated, unalloyed.

3. This beatitude demands that our motives are always unmixed because only so will we see God.

Titus 1:15. – To the pure all things are pure..

VII. “Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called sons of God.” Matt. 5:9

1. The peace-maker is the person who—

(1) Makes peace in his own heart and in his own soul. He has won the civil war in his soul. She is at peace with herself. His whole heart is given to God because this is the only way to overcome the civil war of the heart, mind and soul.

(2) Makes peace between men and other men. He is not a troublemaker, but a peace maker.

VIII. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matt. 5:10-12

1. Living a righteous life attracts opposition which leads to persecution.

(1) Christians suffer with Christ, Rom. 8:17

(2) Godly living brings suffering, 2 Tim. 3:12

2. Suffer because of our Christianity, I Pet. 4:16

IX. Jesus the Teacher also tells us :

1. Turn the other cheek, 5:38

2. Love your enemies, 5:44

3. Do not worry about life and its cares, 6:25,33

4. Pay attention to the plank in your own eye and not the speck in your brother's eye.

5. Ask and it will be given...7:7

6. Enter through the narrow gate.. 7:13

7. Restrictions to heaven – 7:21-23

8. Be wise, 7:24-27.

CONCLUSION:

1. He calls us to Himself and promises us rest.

2. Will you come, willing to submit and to obey – Matt. 7:21

3. Repent and be baptized... for the forgiveness of your sins.