



TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CRESCENT

BIBLE TEACHER

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Subject: 'The Most Radical Lifestyle, Ever'

An Introduction To The Teaching Of The Sermon On The Mount - Matthew 5-7

1. The key verse to the Sermon on the Mount is Matthew 6:8:

'Therefore do not be like them.' The Christian is to be different from both the religious and irreligious. Here is the Christian ethical standard, spiritual devotion, attitude to money, ambition, lifestyle and network of relationships - all at variance with the non-Christian world.

2. To whom does the teaching of the sermon apply?

- (a) The 'Social Gospel' view.
- (b) The 'Mosaic Law' view.
- (c) The 'Dispensational' view.
- (d) The 'All law and no grace' view.

3. Why should we study the sermon?

- (a) It will show us how to be God's special people, zealous of good works.
- (b) It will show us the absolute need of the new birth.
- (c) It will thrill us with the promises of God.

4. What, in simple terms sums up the studies as we have in this series?

- (a) Out with hypocrisy! Chapter 5 answers three questions:
 - What does it mean to have character? (v3-12).
 - What does it mean to make an impact? (v3-16).
 - What does it mean to be godly? (v17-48)
- (b) Down with the religious performance! Chapter 6 deals with the pride that infiltrates even the holiest acts: Giving (v2-4). Praying (5-15). Fasting (v16-18).
- (c) Up with tolerance! Chapter 7:1-5 soundly condemns a judgemental attitude and echoes tolerance.
- (d) On with Commitment! We must mean what we say (v21-23) and do what we hear (v24-27).

'Beware of placing our Lord as Teacher first instead of Saviour. If Jesus is a Teacher only, then all He can do is tantalise us by erecting a standard we cannot come anywhere near. But if by being born again from above we know Him first as Saviour, we know that He did not come to teach us only: He came to make us what He teaches we should be.'

- OSWALD CHAMBERS