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Sermon on the Mount
Lesson Outline #2

Studies from the Sermon on the Mount

“Christian Character”

Matthew 5:3-6, 7-12

I. The Beatitudes

A. Introduction.

1. Modern translation.

a. D.A. Carson.

B. The Christian’s relationship to God – Matthew 5:3-6

1. Matthew 5:3

a. Poverty of Spirit

1. Psalm 34:6; Isaiah 41:17; 57:15; 66:1-2; 61:1

2. Spiritual debt – Matthew 6:12

b. Prodigal Son

c. Romans 3:10-18

d. Sinclair Ferguson

e. Spiritual Poverty

1. D. A. Carson

f. An Old Hymn

“Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.”

2. Matthew 5:4

a. Confession is not the same as contrition.

b. Sinclair Ferguson

1. Psalm 130:3-4

2. Do we weep over our sinfulness? Psalm 119:136.

3. The Anglican Church.

a. Ezra 10:1

c. Godly sorrow produces repentance which leads to salvation.

1. II Corinthians 7:8-10

a. Sorrow -- _____

b. Repentance -- _____

c. Salvation -- _____

d. Tears wiped away because of trials or sin?

1. Luke 4:16-21

2. Revelation 21:3-4

3. Matthew 5:5

a. Gentle means humble or meek.

b. Strength seen in meekness.

1. II Corinthians 10:1; I Timothy 6:11; II Timothy 2:24-25

2. Psalm 37

3. James Boice.

4. Sinclair Ferguson

4. Matthew 5:6

a. Another norm for Christians.

1. D. Martyn Lloyd Jones.

2. Sinclair Ferguson

3. Key Texts: Matthew 5:10, 20; 6:1; 6:33

b. Three forms of righteousness are in view.

1. Legal

2. Moral.

3. Social

a. Luther

C. The Christian's Relationship to Men

1. Matthew 5:7

a. The Christian gives mercy because he or she has received mercy.

1. Key Texts:

Ephesians 4:32;

Colossians 3:13;

Matthew 6:14-15;

Matthew 18:21-35

b. D. A. Carson

2. Matthew 5:8

a. Significance of the Heart

1. Matthew 15:19; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 1:21; Romans 2:5

b. D. A. Carson

c. The impure heart is not simply unclean.

1. James 1:7-8; 4:8

2. Sinclair Ferguson

d. J. B. Philips Translation

e. The Beatific Vision

1. Psalm 24:4-6

3. Matthew 5:9

a. When one is transparent, he lays the foundation for peace.

b. Peacemaker

1. Ephesians 2:14-16; II Corinthians 5:19-21

c. Two word pictures from Paul.

1. Colossians 3:15; Ephesians 4:3

2. Sinclair Ferguson; John Owen; D. A. Carson

4. Matthew 5:10-12

a. Blessing is only for those who determine to live as Jesus lived.

b. Worldly rebellion against God will result in hostility toward Christians.

1. Paul and Peter:

a. Phil. 1:29; II Tim. 3:12; II Thess. 1:4-5; I Peter 3:13-17

2. Dietrich Bonhoffer

II. Summary

A. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones