

The Sermon on the Mount

(Wishful Thinking or Kingdom Living?)

Resources Used for This Topic Include:

James Bryan Smith: **Lecture Notes from Apprenticeship Experience, Wichita, KS March, 2018**

James Bryan Smith: **The Good and Beautiful Life**

- ✚ False narrative: Happiness comes from following the principles of the _____
- ✚ Happiness comes from _____, _____ and _____—Sermon on the Mount blows all that up
- ✚ The Sermon simply tells the truth about _____—to live in lust, anger, worry, etc. is to destroy our souls.

What is the Sermon on the Mount anyway?

- ✚ It is, in fact, a sermon, not “Jesus Greatest Hits” _____ assembled by Matthew.
- ✚ Jesus actually intended us to _____ what he is commanding (Matthew 7:24—‘hears and does’)
- ✚ Jesus spoke about the kingdom over _____ times and Paul _____ times.

Outline of the Sermon:

Beatitudes 5:3-13
 Charge, Clarification, and Goal 5:13-20
 Inner vs. Outer—The Law: “You have heard, but I say” 5:21-48
 Inner vs. Outer—Personal Piety 6:1-18
 Kingdom Provision (trust) vs. Material Wealth (worry) 6:19-34
 Failure of Judging, Helping Others 7:1-12
 Final Illustrations on Inner Life 7:13-23
 Parable of Consequences of Not Living the Sermon 7:24-27

Beatitudes. 5:3-13.

- ✚ _____ Beginning! Blasted common narratives

- Dominant Jewish Narrative— _____ blessed, not Gentiles
- Men, not _____
- Faithful keeper of the _____
- Physically _____, not sick
- Not _____ (they've been abandoned by God)

✚ True narrative is the beatitudes are INVITATIONS of _____

Charge, Clarification and Goal. 5:13-20.

✚ HIS crowd is the _____, _____ and _____.

Inner vs Outer—The Law. “You’ve heard it said, but I say...” 5:21-48.

✚ The _____ of the matter is the matter of the _____

✚ We are angry because of unmet _____ and _____—in kingdom you can let go of both

✚ Dallas Willard notes: “The two errors in the area of human sexuality are these. 1) assuming that all sexual desire is _____; and 2) believing that all sexual desire is _____.”

✚ God is _____-sex—But can’t _____ people for your own selfish pleasure

✚ Adultery implies fulfilling my _____ is more important than fulfilling my _____.

✚ False narrative—I need to _____ to get by.

✚ It’s not about _____ of what you say—it’s about the _____ for saying it.

Inner vs. Outer—Personal Piety 6:1-18.

✚ Whole point of this section is _____ vs. to be _____

✚ The _____ not wrong—it’s the _____ for why and how you do them that’s the problem

✚ False Narrative—My value is determined by _____ of me

✚ OUTSIDE THE _____ WE HAVE NO WAY TO DETERMINE OUR VALUE OTHER THAN WHAT
_____ SAY ABOUT US

Kingdom Provision (trust) vs. Material Wealth (worry) 6:19-34.

- ✚ False Narrative—_____ bring happiness
- ✚ Dallas Willard: “We reveal what our treasures are by what we try to _____, _____, and keep.”
- ✚ Worry is _____—by worrying I can change the outcome.
- ✚ “Worry is a disproportionate level of _____ based on an inappropriate measure of _____.”
- ✚ Seeking the kingdom first means facing our trials and troubles not with _____ but with _____ that God can and will work in them.
- ✚ The kingdom only operates in the _____.

The Failure of Judging, the Right Way to Help Others 7:1-12

- ✚ Judging is making a _____ evaluation of others without standing in _____ with them.
- ✚ We judge people to _____ them or to _____ better about ourselves.
- ✚ Philo: “Be kind, for everyone you meet is _____ a great battle.”

Final Illustrations of the Primacy of the Inner Life 7:13-23.

Parable of Consequences of Failing to Live Out the Sermon 7:24-27.

- ✚ “What words?” _____ words! The sermon
- ✚ Instead of focusing on the cost of discipleship—focus on the cost of _____-Discipleship—no peace!

The Secret to Living Out the Sermon

- **_____ Jesus, and Know that He's Right**
- **The _____, Protection and Provision of the Kingdom**
- **_____ with Christ**

CHARACTER (based on the Sermon on the Mount)

- _____ and _____ all people, no exclusion, no hierarchy (James 2:1)
- Be a _____, be a light
- Do not be _____ (for long)
- Do not look at someone (or pixels) with the intent to _____
- Do not _____; speak the truth in love; be a person of your word
- Do not _____
- _____ your enemies
- Bless those who curse you
- Live for an audience of _____
- Do not serve Mammon, live in _____
- Do not worry (silly _____)
- Do not judge
- Character—what is _____—is what matters most.
- Do _____ Jesus taught

Do you see the three gods Jesus prohibits us from bowing to—money, sex, and power?