

# Sermon on the Mount

Roadmap of Matthew's Literary Form

Matthew 5-7

## Chapter 5

Intro	v 1	<b>Beatitudes/Salt &amp; Light</b> Picture of finished product--what a person looks like living in Kingdom. Images of interior qualities of person living in awareness of God's presence, importance of those qualities to others/community.
	v 16	
	v 17	<b>Mission Statement</b> Jesus' teaching will not supercede the law, but will fullfill its purpose.
	v 19	
	v 20	<b>Topic Sentence/Kingdom Context</b> Establishes that context of entire sermon/teaching is limited to concept of Kingdom. Exceeding righteousness of scribes/Pharisees is key to Kingdom life. Rest of sermon defines what that righteousness is.
Law	v 21	<b>Six Great Antitheses</b> Jesus redefines purpose of law from macro to micro, justice to mercy, behavior to ethics, outward conformation to inward transformation in 6 major areas: murder, adultery, divorce, oaths, retribution, relations with enemies.
	v 48	

## Chapter 6

Righteousness	v 1	<b>True Righteousness</b> Redefines concept of righteousness from that which is visible to community to that which is an attitude of heart--visible only to God. A way of walking with God through charitable giving, prayer, fasting.
	v 18	
Kingdom Principles	v 19	<b>Kingdom Life</b> Definition of Kingdom life--true, interior righteousness/transformation creates attitudes/quality of life when treasures/priorities are properly stored, eyes are clear/other centered, and fear is alleviated--worry anxiety eased.
	v 34	

## Chapter 7

	v 1	<b>Judging and Discerning</b> Judging in terms of condemnation only condemns the one who condemns, but judging as discernment is necessary to keep to the Way of true righteousness, and to give what is truly needed to others.
	v 6	
	v 7	<b>Ask, Seek, Knock</b> Earnest desire and pursuit of the Kingdom is necessary and fullfillment is a promise. This pursuit is lived out in our relationships with each other, Golden Rule, but the gate and way are negotiated only by the few with real desire/perseverence.
	v 14	
	v 15	<b>Good Fruit</b> Ongoing discernment between external forms and true righteousness is critical: seeing difference between things that look similar on outside by what fruit they bear. Entry to Kingdom depends on living that difference.
	v 23	
	v 24	<b>House on Rock</b> Once these concepts and principles have been internalized, the solid foundation is laid and will not fall.
	v 27	