

The Sermon on the Mount declares the standard of righteousness we must meet to be citizens of the kingdom of heaven. But it does not include the details of HOW this righteousness is attained.

5:1-10 The grand entry into the sermon on the mount – the foundation

- Beatitudes describe the **character of the true believer**

5:11-16 The role of the believer

- When they are Persecuted – keeping perspective, trusting and serving faithfully
- You are the Salt – Be attractive. flavor, preserve, heal and influence others.
- You are the Light – illuminate truth around you

5:17-20 The role of Christ

- Fulfill the Law – perfectly and completely

5:21-7:29 Corrections and clarification of God's moral requirements

[you heard it said ... but I say] (chapter 5)

- Anger – first be reconciled to your brother
- Lust – is rooted in the heart
- Divorce – marriage is lifelong unless adultery
- Oaths – Don't make an oath, simply say yes or no
- Enemies – love all people as the Father loves

When you... (chapter 6)

- Give – give in secret without expectation of receiving
- Pray – pray with reverence & humility as you forgive others
- Fast – fast in secret with joy

Do not, But... (chapter 6)

- Treasures – Value giving more than storing up
- Anxiousness – trust the Lord who will provide your needs

Do not... (chapter 7)

- Judge others – Examine and correct self before correcting a brother
- Give to dogs – avoid

Do... (chapter 7)

- ask, seek and knock then rest
- do to others - what you wish for self
- Enter – by the way that leads to life
- Beware of False prophets - examine fruit and avoid the false

Warnings (chapter 7)

- Entry to the Kingdom is only for those who do the will of the Father
- Hear and do my words – build on solid ground of the Lord