

The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5 – 7

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Jesus sat on a mountainside teaching his followers:

Blessed are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn;
they will be comforted.

Blessed are the gentle;
they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful;
they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart;
they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers;
they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Let your light shine so others will see your life and praise your Father in heaven.

The Law of God must be obeyed fully, observing its meaning. The Law says, "Do not murder." I say, avoid anger. The Law says, "Be faithful in marriage." I say, do not lust. The Law says, "When you swear an oath to God, keep it." I say, don't swear at all. Simply say "Yes" when you mean "Yes" and "No" when you mean "No." The Law says, "Love your neighbor and hate your enemy." I say, love your enemies and pray for those who mistreat you. If you do not forgive others, your Father in heaven will not forgive you.

Don't worry about food and clothing and other such common things. Worrying won't help. Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Treat others the same way that you would want them to treat you. That is what the Law is all about.