

The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7): Jesus' "new covenant"

5.1-2: Introduction: Jesus goes up the mountain

5.3-12: The Beatitudes: honoring the poor and marginalized with one's life

5.13-16: Salt and light: the power of small things to be transformative

5.17-20: Jesus *fulfills* the law and the prophets, rather than abolishing it (*framing with 7.12*)

5.21-48: Jesus' Word regarding "justice"

5.21-32: Part one: renouncing (male) power over others

5.21-26: Renouncing violence and anger that destroys others

5.27-32: Renouncing power over women

5.33-48: Part two: renouncing public retribution and honor

5.33-37: Rejecting oaths

5.38-42: Rejecting retribution while maintaining personal dignity

5.43-47: Loving enemies

5.48: Conclusion: be complete/mature as your heavenly Father is

6.1-18: renouncing "justice" before people in favor of justice before God

6.1: Introduction

6.2-4: Giving alms

6.5-15: Prayer

6.16-18: Fasting

6.19-34: renouncing worldly treasures

6.19-21: Storing up treasure in heaven

6.22-24: Being "single-eyed"

6.25-34: Renouncing anxiety over life's necessities and trusting God instead

7.1-5: Renouncing judgment over others

7.6: Protecting Jesus' Word from being "trampled"

7.7-11: Asking, searching, knocking: the means for living Jesus' Word

7.12: The "Golden Rule" (*framing with 5.17*)

7.13-27: Conclusion: discerning the path to life, truth and wisdom

7.13-14: Entering by the narrow gate

7.15-23: Warning against false prophets

7.24-27: The person who is wise is the one who hears and acts on Jesus' words

7.28-8.1: Jesus comes down the mountain