

Sermon on the Mount - More Perfectly

...expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

Acts 18:26

The Sermon on the Mount Compared to Paul's Epistles

Part I

Review introduction - **Matthew 5:1-4**

Some of the following notes were also covered in the Sunday School session earlier and so may be skipped in this particular sermon - but, the notes are still there for you!!

The Gospels - the Way of God to Jews!

- The Beatitudes within the Sermon on the Mount were to be the way of happiness for the *Jews* as taught to *them* by their Messiah!
- As the Gospels were NOT to the Gentiles, so the Sermon on the Mount is NOT to the Gentiles. (and ...They STILL are NOT!)
 - **Matthew 6:31,32** - *Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.*
 - **Matthew 10:5-7** - *These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.*
 - **Matthew 10:17,18** - *But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.*
 - **Matthew 15:24** - *But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*
- There was no spiritual circumcision (**Colossians 2:11-16**)
- There was no indwelling Holy Spirit!
 - **John 7:39** - *(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*
- The only '...tions' concerning 'salvation' were 'remission' and 'confession!'
 - **Mark 1:4,5** - *John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.*
 - **Luke 24:47** - *And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*
- There were no New Testament writings at this time!

- **Hebrews 9:16,17** - *For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.*
- The disciples that are mentioned in **verse 1** are referring to the multitudes that have followed Him everywhere at this point (see **4:23-25**)!
- Onward to the Great Commission!
 - **Matthew 24:14** - *And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

Teachings from the Sermon on the Mount - Part of the Great Commission?

- Sure!
 - **Matthew 28:19,20** - *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*
 - **Mark - 16:15-20** -*And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.*
 - **Acts 1-8** - apostles doctrine and action!
- but it was finished - completed!
 - **Romans 10:18,19** - *But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.*
 - **Acts 7:54-60**

However, today, Paul's teachings are to us - rightly divided 1611 King James Bible
- **Romans** to **Philemon!**

- **Acts 26:16** - *But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;*
- A more excellent way!
 - **I Corinthians 12:31** - *... and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.*
- Paul's ways "which be in Christ" taught every where in every church!
 - **I Corinthians 4:17** - *For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.*
- Way of God more perfectly!

- **Acts 18:26** - ...expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.
- We are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets and Jesus Christ himself!!
 - **Ephesians 2:19-22** - Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.
- Paul - the wise master-builder!
 - **I Corinthians 3:10,11** - According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Do Paul's 'ways of building' include Jesus' Sermon on the Mount?

NO!

His ways are the way of God more perfectly!

Paul's ways have a purpose towards Israel!

- **Romans 11:11** - I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.
- **Romans 11:14** - If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them.

Matthew 5

1,2 -And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

- See the end of this sermon to observe the beginning and end as well as to whom it was addressed.
 - **7:24-27**
 - **7:28-29**
 - **8:1**

3 - Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Risen Christ, through Paul on our spirit (small 's'):

- Small 's' spirit - in the spirit of, man's spirit, etc.
 - **Romans 1:9** - For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

- **Romans 7:6** - *But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.*
- **Romans 8:15** - *For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*
- **Romans 11:8** - *(According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.*
- **Romans 12:11** - *Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;*
- **I Corinthians 2:11** - *For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.*
- **I Corinthians 2:12** - *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*
- **I Corinthians 6:20** - *For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*
- **Galatians 6:18** - *Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.*
- **II Timothy 1:7** - *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*
- **II Timothy 4:22** - *The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.*
- Kingdom of heaven?
 - No - according to the Risen Saviour through Paul, the way of God more perfectly now is about the *kingdom of God!*
 - **Romans 14:17** - *For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*
 - **Acts 19:8** - *And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.*
 - **Acts 28:23** - *And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.*
 - **Acts 28:31** - *Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.*
 - **II Thessalonians 1:5** - *Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:*

4: Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

According to the Risen Saviour through Paul, the way of God more perfectly now shows many ways of being comforted!

- How were they comforted then?
 - **Gospels**
 - little comfort, actually - mourn!

- No Spirit yet!
 - Jesus was leaving
 - No Bible, etc.
 - Apostles needed comforting like everyone else!
- Great Commission
 - **John 14, 16**
 - in part?
 - **I Corinthians 13:8,9** - *Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.*
- Today
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 - **I Corinthians 13:10** - *But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.*
 - **Romans 15:4** - *For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*
 - **II Corinthians 1:4** - *Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.*
 - from the brethren! and from Titus!
 - **II Corinthians 7:6,7** - *Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus; And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.*
 - Even after he preached hard to them!
 - **II Corinthians 7:8-10** - *For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season. Now I rejoyce, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.*
 - Tychicus will comfort!
 - **Colossians 4:7,8** - *All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord: Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts;*
 - Assisted in writing **Colossians; Ephesians**
 - Paul and the gang like a father to them!
 - **I Thessalonians 2:7-12** - *But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own*

souls, because ye were dear unto us. For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

- Timothy gave them comfort!
 - **I Thessalonians 3:2** - *And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:*
- Not to mourn like the world!
 - **I Thessalonians 4:13,14** - *But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.*
 - **I Thessalonians 4:18** - *Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

Beatitudes and Sermon on the Mount to be continued...

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We learn from the "For" and we try to apply the "TO!"