



Sermon on the Mount
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Welcome to Jesus Time where we spend time with Jesus in His time and culture.

Now Jesus concludes His “Sermon upon the Mount” which indeed is considered to be the greatest speech in history.

Beware false teachers

✝ Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will know them by their fruits.

Matthew 7:15-16 NASB

Unfortunately not everyone claiming reverence for GOD are actually in service to the Lord.

Some will use and or abuse other peoples Faith and traditions just to gain an entrance or even to maintain an appearance of submission unto Christ for their very own personal benefit.

Jesus states by watching and paying attention to what Ministry leaders say and do does in fact reveal if their heart is upon GOD.

Meaning if someone does not practice what the preach then Why?

Should anyone listen to their teachings upon Belief.

Continuing

✝ Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

¹⁷ Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

Matthew 7:16b-20 NIV

Again someone may appear to be righteous but if all they seek is gain, acceptance, or authority, then ultimately their selfish character will hinder, slander, or even oppose what or whom is Holy. While as far as being cut down and tossed into the fire; Biblically fire often represents Judgement.

Beware false believers

✝ Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 7:21 ESV

So what is the Will of GOD?

✝ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

John 6:40 ESV

& what Pray tell is our true work & deeds for GOD?

✝ Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? ²⁹ Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

John 6:28-29 KJV

The Will & the basis of our Work for GOD is simply that we believe and receive Jesus as our Christ.

As in it is not by work, deeds, charity, heredity, nor by appearances that qualifies a person for Heaven. Meaning we are not getting into Heaven by our work, or deeds, nor charity, and our heredity is not by race or creed; but only as being adopted into GOD'S Family by Christ's Grace alone through our Faith. A Faith genuine & certainly not by appearances alone, but having an actual change of heart. Our obedience, Love, charity, work or deeds do serve as our evidences of our Salvation of our Faith. By which Jesus Time & again has stated these will be rewarded by Him personally in Heaven.

James was Jesus's human half brother & he grew up hearing the words of Christ:

✝ But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works."

¹⁹ You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.

²⁰ But are you willing to acknowledge, you foolish person, that faith without works is useless?

James 2:18-20 NASB

Our Work & Deeds are evidence of our Saving Grace of Faith

✝ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:8-10 NIV

It has been said that the "root" of our Faith is Belief.

While the "fruit" of our Faith is our work & deeds.

As in hearing and believing only is not being useful for GOD in helping others nor does a lacking slacking dormant Faith earn anyone any extra reward this be for complacent comfortable Christians today- not receiving any additional reward later in Heaven. Salvation is given, reward is earned.

Think about it like this; if squirrels are instinctive and smart enough to store up nuts for the winter, then Why? Do some Faithful live only for today and not store up treasures in Heaven for forever.

Jesus continues, beware self deceivers

✝ On that "day" many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

Matthew 7:22-23 ESV

Unfortunately it can also be true many people can and do self justify themselves by what they do.

Think of it in this "Way." Did not Cain become enraged and slew his brother Abel when his offering unto GOD was rejected while Abel's was accepted? (Genesis 4)

The short answer is Cain attempted to reach GOD by his own standards, his estimation, while using his own determination being his work by literally offering his produce- his very own labors as a deed.

Thusly Cain was self deceived. Thinking he could should and would reach GOD by his own merits. GOD was not impressed & stressed unto Cain you must reach Me by My Law not thine own self law.

Meaning Jesus has just summarized the eternal fate for each false teachers and false self deceivers.

Also "the last day" in Scripture is always a reference unto the "Day of the Lord." (2nd Advent/Coming)

As in the Jewish people of the first century were well versed and clearly understood this meant exactly when Messiah would come and establish GOD'S Kingdom upon the Earth. (Millennial Rev.20)

Also there was another very big inference within verse 23.

We have already seen time and again Bible studying friends that so far as in Jesus Time within Israel, Jesus has not as of yet directly stated that He IS the Christ. The Messiah. Not yet anyway.

While outside of Israel first to the “Lady at the well” Jesus did tell her that He is indeed the Christ. Because as we have studied before our Lord knew there was another exact prophesized “Day” by which Messiah was to ride into Jerusalem upon a colt donkey. Meaning He comes in peace unto Israel. We as Christians remember this day as Jesus’s “Triumphal Entry” beginning His Holy Passion week. Think about this; after first healing many people, then after giving His Beatitudes & then teaching everyone how to Pray with His Lord’s Prayer, while additionally covering over 20 topics within His Sermon upon the Mount-

Did you notice? Jesus just said on the “Day” of Messiah, when GOD’S Kingdom comes to the Earth, “I” will exclude false self deceived (un) believers & false teachers.

As in the unsaved including the mighty Pharisees present at that time during this Sermon.

So for those listening with Spiritual insight, and to those who were seeing and Believing: Jesus has just said it without saying it.

That it is I! I Am the Messiah!!

Meaning : As Deity within humanity, Judging King & Saving Christ. Law of GOD & Author of Life.

Finally Jesus within His Sermon upon the Mount included this statement as His Will & His directive for those whom Believe in Him. (As evidence of our Love and obedience being our continual work of Faith.)

✝ In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7: 12 NASB

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

This teaching of Christ has become the Golden Rule as for the civilized standard of moral behavior.

Now similar words have appeared in many cultures by many famous voices.

However what sets Christ’s teaching apart from all of the others is just how Jesus frames His Loving command of how to treat others as a positive.

Jesus alone instructs to treat others positively as in our behavior is to be politely genial & not just waiting to have a negative reaction to every perceived infraction. Jesus’s believers are to act Christlike. Jesus’s teaching here does in fact go against the grain of all the other human versions of this behavioral prerogative by which they all do dictate a negative continual calloused demeanor.(e.g. Confucius ~ Jai Krishna)

That is the simplest way to explain the difference between Jesus’s advice on behavior against all others.

So the total summary of the greatest speech of all time of our Lord in Christ’s “Sermon upon the Mount” is this: For us to do the “Will” of GOD which is to believe and receive Jesus as our Savior. In turn Jesus’s “Will” for our lives upon His Salvation is that we treat everyone in Christ like manor.

Conclusion

✝ When Jesus finished saying these things, the crowd was amazed at the way he taught. ²⁹ He wasn't like the teachers of the Law; instead, he taught with authority.

Matthew 7: 28-29 GNT

Jesus issued His teachings as Him being Holy Deity born as a Son of man. (human kind)

Jesus healed, taught, preached & Prayed on this day with authority as the Messiah, the Son of GOD.