

Matthew 5

King James Version (KJV)

5 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

(Jesus taught the disciples, who would go on to teach others; this chapter is a teaching for preachers, not the general public))

²And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, (The Beatitudes)

³Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
(Blessed = Happy; poor= humble)

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

⁵Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. (For being a Christian)

¹²Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

¹³Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. (Be salty – stand for something)

¹⁴ Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. (If asked, share your Christian knowledge. Be an example to others)

¹⁵ Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Revelation-1

¹⁷ Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. (Jesus fulfilled the blood ordinances of the sacrifice. The Law or Commandments are still the law)

¹⁸ For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. (Jot is the smallest letter of Hebrew alphabet, looks like a comma; tittle is a dot placed over a letter in Hebrew to change the sound of that letter. Jesus is saying HE is changing none of the law. HE only fulfilled the blood ordinances<sacrifices> for all time)

¹⁹ Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

²⁰ For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. (Those self-righteous hypocrites won't make it, unless they change for the better)

²¹ Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: Deuteronomy-19:11-13, 22-25 (Kill= commit murder, criminal homicide – kill is a bad translation)

²² But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. (Raca= a vain man) (fool= morose – totally hopeless – he is judging others to death in hell)

²³ Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

²⁴ Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. (Your brother is family; Make peace if possible with your brother before you ask God for a blessing)

²⁵ Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. (This is for when evil rules and the antichrist is here. Pick your battles to make them count. We stand against Satan, not his lieutenants. Go for the head of the serpent, not the tail)

²⁶ Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

²⁷ Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

²⁸ But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

²⁹ And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. (This is talking about a church or some group. If a member goes rogue, throw him out to save the rest)

³⁰ And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. (Same as the previous verse – the right hand is doing work, in this case, going rogue by doing work against God's Word)

³¹ It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

³² But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

³³ Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: (Don't take unnecessary oaths ; to God or anyone else)

³⁴ But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

³⁵ Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

³⁶ Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

³⁷ But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. (Right is right; wrong is wrong; judging by precedent is against God's law – one fool makes a bad decision and all others are expected to follow)

³⁸ Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

³⁹ But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. (He's talking to preachers here. If a preacher tries to change converts too quickly and ends up insulting them to the point that they strike him, then he needs to turn the other cheek. He caused their outrage by trying to change their thinking too quickly)

⁴⁰ And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. (It is sometimes better to settle than to fight a brother in court, which could cost you more)

⁴¹ And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. (Romans used to force conscripts to carry their equipment a mile. Jesus says carry it two miles - i.e. obey the laws of the land and show that Christians are peaceful people)

⁴² Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. (If you can help someone without putting your family at risk, then you should do so. This does not include enabling an addict or a deadbeat who doesn't repay his debts)

⁴³ Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

⁴⁴ But I say unto you, Love your enemies, **bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you,** and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; **(The blue text was added in the translation. Not in the manuscripts) see Leviticus-19:17-19 (Loving your enemies is really tough love, that they might straighten out and change their ways. Spare the rod, spoil the child)**

⁴⁵ That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. **(God gives everyone a chance to repent and change their ways, to do some good. If they don't, that isn't God's fault)**

⁴⁶ For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? **(Anyone can love those who love them. A Christian preacher can use tough love to correct the misguided and those doing evil)**

⁴⁷ And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? **(Jesus taught all who would listen <good, bad, ugly>, not just the ones who already followed Him)**

⁴⁸ Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. **(perfect= mature – better translation)**