

Living from the inside out

What has impressed you about the Sermon on the Mount?

I. Review

- A. Jesus went up on a mountain similar to _____.
- B. Jesus begins to show his _____.
- C. What does it mean to be blessed?
- D. Previous lessons

The essence of the Sermon on the Mount is obeying and living from the inside out.

II. The Beatitudes – blessed are those

- A. who are poor in spirit

- B. who mourn

- C. who are meek

- D. who hunger and thirst after righteousness

- E. who are merciful

- F. who are pure in heart

- G. who are peacemakers

- H. who are persecuted for righteousness' sake

What do each of these have in common?

III. Salt and Light

- A. Both metaphors call for **distinction**.
- B. Walk in light as He is in the light.

IV. "You have heard it said, but I say unto you" -- Jesus' seemingly antithetical statements

Matthew 5:20: "For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven."

- A. Exceeding the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees.
- B. Jesus did not come to abolish the law but to fulfill it.

V. Five statements from John MacArthur why the Sermon on the Mount is important.

- A. The Sermon on the Mount shows the absolute _____.
- B. We are driven to Jesus Christ, man's only _____.
- C. The sermon gives God's pattern for _____.
- D. The sermon is the greatest spiritual resource for _____.
- E. The life _____ to the teachings of Jesus' proclamations is the _____.

Our challenge: Are we living a life pleasing to Him from the _____?