The Beatitudes: Matthew 5:3-12

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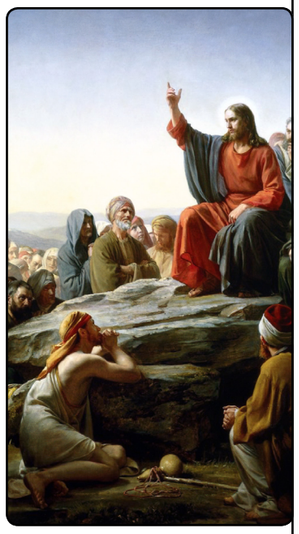


3 ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
5 Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of
righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 ‘Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

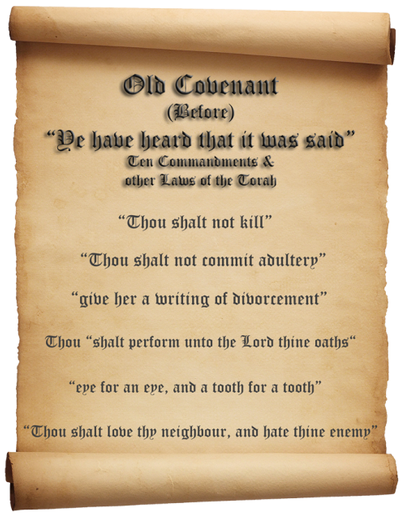
Matthew 5:14-15 14 ‘You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

The Sermon on the Mount is the longest recorded sermon by Jesus – 3 chapters long.

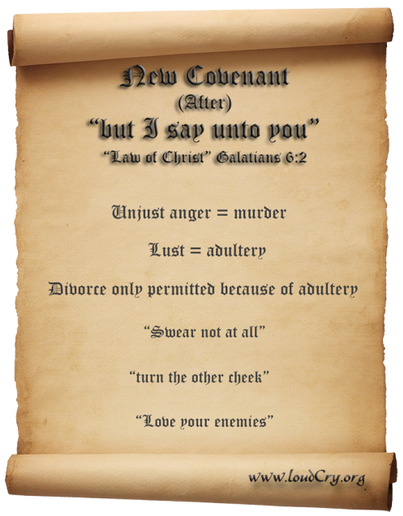
The Ten Commandments: Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words:
2 ‘I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.
3 **‘You shall have no other gods before me.**
4 **‘You shall not make for yourself an image** in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 **You shall not bow down to them or worship them…**
‘You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God
‘Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
‘Honour your father and your mother
‘You shall not murder.
14 **‘You shall not commit adultery.**
15 **‘You shall not steal.**
16 **‘You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.**
17 **‘You shall not covet what is your neighbour’s.**

St. Matthew wrote his Gospel for the Jewish people. The Jews knew their history and grew up learning and living by the Commandments given to Moses by God. Matthew portrays these teachings of Jesus presented on the side of a Mountain. Jesus is shown to be the new Moses giving a new Law.



Sermon on the Mount



In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus attempts to change people’s attitude toward Moses’ Law from external obedience (that is, “I haven’t killed anyone today”) to internal obedience (that is, “I have forgiven everyone today”).

Mt 18:21-22 21 Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”
22 Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy times seven times.”

Matthew 5:17 ‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.

Matthew 5:21-22 ‘You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, “You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.” 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.

Matthew 5:27-28 27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matthew 5:38-39 38 ‘You have heard that it was said, “Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.” 39 But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.

Matthew 5:43-44 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Matthew 6:9-15

‘This, then, is how you should pray:

“‘Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
10 your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us today our daily bread.
12 And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.”
14 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Matthew 7:1 “Do not judge, or you too will be judged.