

# **The Constitution of the Kingdom**

Overview of The Sermon on the Mount

{48} You therefore must be perfect  
(mature), as your heavenly Father is  
perfect (mature). [Matthew 5:48 ESV]

# The Eight Beautitudes (Flowers) (Matthew 5:3-11)

1. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (v.3)
2. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. (v.4)
3. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. (v.5)
4. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. (v.6)

5. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." (v.7)
6. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." (v.8)
7. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." (v.9)
8. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account." (v.10-11).

Jesus did not come to  
destroy the law, but to make  
a way to fully express God's  
original intent.

# Resisting 6 Temptations: Weeding Our Garden

1. Anger (spirit of murder, Mt. 5:21-26)
2. Adultery (spirit of immorality, Mt. 5:27-30)
3. Disregarding the sanctity of marriage (disloyalty in relationships, Mt. 5:31-32)
4. False commitments (spirit of manipulation to promote ourselves, Mt. 5:33-37)
5. Retaliation for personal inconveniences (spirit of revenge Mt. 5:38-42)
6. Inactivity when mistreated (refusing active love, Mt. 5:43-47).

# Pursuing 5 Kingdom Activities: Watering Our Garden

Jesus described 5 activities that position our heart to receive more grace and strength

1. Consistently serving (charitable deeds, 6:1-4)
2. Giving financially (giving service and/or money, 6:19-21)
3. Praying (6:5-13)
4. Blessing our adversaries (fullness of forgiveness, 6:14-15; 5:44)
5. Fasting (6:16- 18).

# Our Love and Obedience will be Tested and Proven

- 21“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father...22 Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name...and done many wonders in Your name?’...23 I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me...’ 24 Whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man...25the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall...26 Everyone who...does not do them, will be like a foolish man...27the floods came, and the winds blew on that house; and it fell.” (Mt. 7:21-27)

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- Our love and obedience will be tested in order to be proved genuine under pressure (7:21-27).
- Will we persevere even when we face trials?
  - The storms of pressures of life, the eschatological storm (2 Thes. 2:3-4), and the final judgment (1 Cor. 3:10-15) will show forth the truth of our lives.
- There are two different ways in which people seek Jesus.
  - Some choose the broad way, others the narrow way.
  - Both ways will be tested by pressure in this life and when we stand before Jesus.

# Summary

- In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus calls us to
  - Live out the 8 Beatitudes (5:3-12)
  - As we pursue mature obedience (5:48)
  - Resist 6 temptations (5:21-48)
  - Pursue 5 kingdom activities (6:1-20) that position our hearts to freely receive more grace.