

HARMONY IN THE HOME: THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT (Part 1)

Introduction

1. Two ways to live: put God's authority & will over man, or put man's desires over God
 - a. Constant battle has impact on the individual, the church, & the family
2. Christ introduced his new kingdom in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7)
 - a. Kingdom of God (of heaven, of Christ): rule for our salvation, realm of fellowship with God
3. **Matt. 5:1-10** Character in the kingdom
 - a. Character traits in his kingdom
 - b. These traits affect all relationships including the home

I. Character in the Kingdom

A. Poor in Spirit Receive the Kingdom

1. Humble, seeking God's forgiveness
2. If not humble: proud, deny sin, make alibis
3. Wife observes humble spirit toward God & fellowman—leads her
4. Humility & harmony go hand in hand

B. They Who Mourn Are Comforted

1. Grieve, godly sorrow, repent of sin
2. Accept our sins, know they assault & offend God
3. Wife observes he accepts his sin, seeks forgiveness—leads her
4. Desire to correct sins leads to harmony

C. Meek Inherit the Earth (Blessed in Full)

1. Yielding, gentle spirit submits to God
2. Yielding, cooperative spirit to all men
3. Wife observes he yields to the right & corrects his sins—leads her
4. Meek spirit leads to harmony

D. Those Hungering for Righteousness Filled

1. Deepest desire to be right with God
2. Seeks to be right with all men
3. Wife observes he loves to do right & be in right relationship—leads her
4. To be right with God & man yields harmony

E. The Merciful Obtain Mercy

1. Kindness, good-will, forgiving, helping
2. Seeks God's mercy, shows mercy to all men
3. Wife observes his kind, compassionate, merciful spirit—leads her
4. A merciful spirit leads to harmony

F. The Pure in Heart Enter God's Family

1. Single focus on doing right, not loving sin
2. Example of purity not corruption to all men
3. Wife observes his purity in heart & life—leads her
4. Purity leads to harmony

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G. Peacemakers Are God's Children

1. Seek peace, reconciliation, harmony
2. Seeks to be at peace with God & all men
3. Wife observes his love of peace & skill in making peace—leads her
4. Love of peace leads to harmony

H. Those Who Suffer to Obey God Enter

1. Put God & truth above self
2. Wants to obey God regardless of cost
3. Wife observes his total commitment to God & truth—leads her
4. Commitment to God leads to harmony

Conclusion

1. Two ways to live: God's will OR man's will
2. Christ introduced his new kingdom in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7)
3. **Matt. 5:1-10** Character in the kingdom
 - a. Character traits in his kingdom
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4. **Jn. 3:5** Begin new life, enter the kingdom
 - a. Born of water: submit in water baptism
 - b. ...and of the Spirit: gave the gospel