

## **Matthew (Sermon on the Mount)**

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The Sermon on the Mount was Jesus first public teaching exposition. Jesus is setting the stage for the rest of His earthly and eternal ministry. He lays out the foundational truths of His Kingdom. He is defining His personal character to be followed.

### **Simple Outline**

Matthew 5:1-16 – **Values**

Mathew 5:17-48 - **Corrections**

Mathew 6:1-34 - **Lifestyle**

Matthew 7:1-23 - **Cautions**

Mathew 7:24-27 – **Closing**

### **Matthew 7:24-27**

*24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. 26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."*

**Mathew 4:17** *From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

- Repent – Change the way that you think, particularly the way that you think about and relate to God and His kingdom. Cf. Romans 12:2; Ephesians 5:26
- Kingdom of heaven - the Kingdom of Jesus where he is the spiritual rule over the hearts and lives of those who willingly submit to God's authority. Cf. Romans 14:17; 1 Corinthians 15:50
- Is at hand - this is a Hebrew idea that it is nearby, or right next to you.

**These are the truths His followers will embody and adhere to forever. This way of living is the normal culture for His followers.**

### **Discipleship Homework:**

Jesus teaches in way to change the way we view life. Our view of God and who we are needs a spirit of revelation that comes from what He has to say about it all. Isaiah 55:8-9 says, "For my [God] thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

- Imagine what heaven is like. What desires, emotions, and images come to mind?
- Read Genesis 1, 2, and Revelation 21. How do your concepts line up with what God's word says about his creation?
- If God's ways are higher and better, we need to change our perspective. Use the prayer of repentance to ask God to change the way you view life:

*"God, I come before you humbled and sorrowful, aware of my sin but thankful for the forgiveness I have in you, Jesus. I ask that you continually help me to change the way I think. Give me the mind of Christ. Holy Spirit, lead me to walk in the way of truth. In Jesus' name, Amen."*