

# Sermon on the Mount Reading Plan





Fellowship Bible Study for Nansen Road Baptist Church 2024

Sermon on the Mount          Matthew chapters 5 to 7

Follow on from Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January – A call to be a disciple of Jesus.

It would be good to study the teaching of Jesus which implies attitudes and behaviour of a disciple/follower of Christ. These three chapters of Matthew are that teaching; a blue print for discipleship living.

Areas covered are: the Christian’s character [5:3-12]; influence [5:13-16]; righteousness [5:17-48]; piety [6:1-18]; ambition [6:19-34]; relationships [7:1-20]; commitment [7:21-27].

There are two passages per week of varying length. Please ask God to speak to you through the passage before you read it. Then read it through, then read it out loud and then read it again slowly thinking about each word as you read. Perhaps read it in different versions. After reading the passage then consider the notes/comments beside each reading. Be encouraged as you read it knowing others of the fellowship are doing so alongside you. Perhaps meet up at different times to talk over what you understand from that week’s passage.

Enjoy hearing Jesus speak to you.

*Week 1*

Read **Chapter 5**                      Make a note of your first thoughts/impressions

Read **Chapter 6**                      “                      “                      “                      “

*Week 2*

Read **Chapter 7**                      “                      “                      “                      “

Read **Chpt 5:1-12**                      The Beatitudes; What do you think 'Blessed' means? Consider each Beatitude and what does it mean; poor in spirit? Mourn = only when

someone has died or more? Meek or weak? Desire for being right with God – how? How do you show mercy? Pure heart? Are you a peace maker, a reconciler? Have you suffered any persecution?

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan

**Matthew 5 v 13 – 16** Salt flavours and preserves.

How does your life 'flavour' family and community?

Or do you simply want to preserve things as they are?

*Week 3*

Read **5:17-20** Levitical Law (via Moses) were to help and ensure the people of God walked closely with God. The Law was showing folk of Jesus and how to live in righteousness. Thus, Jesus fulfilled the Law. Does Church have 'rules' that hinder our walk with Jesus and want us to live in such a way that appears we have salvation through works and behaviour not faith?

Read **5:21-26** All about attitude! Surely it is ok to get angry about somethings, especially injustice? But if we harbour that anger in our hearts towards another then that is akin to murder in God's eyes. If we keep anger in our hearts then we are open to God's judgement. Watch our words; Fool – today it is easily and often said; it probably doesn't have the same venom as in the days of Jesus. We use other hurting swear words – but we shouldn't! Don't come To Worship or take communion if we bear a grudge or have not reconciled with another.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

**Matthew 5 v 27 – 30** Adultery, lust, abusive thoughts

*Week 4*

Read **5:31-32** Divorce, remarriage. Compassion and forgiveness.

Read **5:33-37** Yes, Yes & No, No! speaking the truth; keeping promises.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February **Matthew 5 v 38 – 42** Justice, controlling retaliation

*Week 5*

Read **5:43-48** Love our enemies! Are you aware of people who hate or Even dislike you? How do you feel about them? God says LOVE them, want the best for them!

Read **6:1-4** Giving to church, charity others. Let's make a song and dance about it. No Jesus says do it secretly. Your generosity is known by God, don't boast about it to others. Old Testament encourages tithing, giving a tenth of income to God. Nowadays tithing is less talked about but the principle remains good. Do you give generously to God via the church or Christian charity?

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> **Matthew 6 v 5 – 8** Prayer principles

*Week 6*

Read **6:9-15** The model prayer :- ACTS. Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication.

Read **6:16-18** Fasting.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> **Matthew 6 v 19 – 24** Selfish treasures or treasures in Heaven? Healthy living. Who do you serve?

*Week 7*

Read **6:25-34** Worry, worry, worry! We do worry about lots of things, but are they important things or things that just are and we will not be able to change them however much we worry about them.

Does worry negate trust and faith in God? Worry about tomorrow and things that may not happen or trust God for today and be thankful.

Read **7:1-6** We make judgements all the time & usually quickly on first sight of another! Here we are called to not judge in order that others will not judge us. We have many faults so we are liable to be judged. Does this mean we shouldn't turn a blind eye to another's wrong doing? First sort out our own faults!  
V 6 – what does this mean? One thought is some folk who reject the gospel will go on to attack if you/we continue to 'force' the message on them. [proverbs 9:8]

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>                    **Matthew 7 v 7 – 12**    Priorities in life?

*Week 8*

Read **7:13-14** Discipleship is not easy, following Christ brings life, rejection of Christ and going own way brings death.

Read **7:15-20** Look to The Word, written & living, not to other 'charismatic' preachers or teachers or leaders who can easily lead one astray. Look to the fruit of a person's life; walk the talk!

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March            **Matthew 7 v 21 – 23**    Look to your own heart and standing with God now and to the future. Are you 'doing' what you think others expect or out of love for Jesus and for Him?

*Week 9*

Read **7:24-29** Hear the word of the Lord and act upon it, do it! It is foolishness to listen to the Word and then to ignore it, think it does not apply to you. Then to continue in your own ways. Ignoring, not doing God's word brings destruction. [7:13/14]

Read **Chapters 5,6 & 7** again compare your initial notes to your thoughts and impressions now

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>                    **Sermon on the Mount** – Conclusion

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