



The Life of Jesus

A CHRONOLOGICAL STUDY

Lesson 38: Sermon on the Mount - Part 3

Luke 6:17-26; Matthew 5:13-20

I. Luke 6:17-22

A. Comparing Matthew's Beatitudes and Luke's:

1. Audience is the same (disciples)
2. Both end with reality of suffering
3. Both have rewards in heaven

B. v.20 - this is the same poor as Matthew - it's not financial

C. v.21 - could be literal or wanting more in general

D. v.22 - Jesus uses the 2nd person "you" - making it more personal

E. v.23 - "that day" is not the final "day of judgement" in an end-times thought;

- It means when people start to hate you then realize you are doing it right
- It's like physical therapy - if it ain't hurting you aren't making progress

F. v.24 - Beginning of the "woes" - these "rich" have already received their "comeuppance" which isn't a good thing - they may think it's good

- The focus of the woes is a dependence on self-reliance; not being meek and humble and thirsting for righteousness

II. Matthew 5:13-15

A. The Beatitudes shows us how to be different than the world expects - The next section reminds us to be in the world - don't hide out

B. What was salt's value? Seasoning and preservation - Killing bacteria on the flesh of some meat - The Dead Sea was an excellent source of salt

1. Luke 14:34-35

C. “lose its saltiness” - Root Greek word is same where we get “moron” - its and adjective -

Only in NT 4 times:

1. Luke 14
2. Romans 1 on the foolishness of denying God’s power and existence
3. 1st Corinthians 1 - “the foolishness of God”

D. Salt and the Grain Offering - Leviticus 2:13

E. Burnt offerings vs. grain offerings

1. Burnt offerings were for atonement and burned up the whole animal; sacrificial blood offerings
2. Grain offerings were giving from faith because the Israelites had to tote the seed out of Egypt; giving up part of your seed for the promised land
3. You could choose how you wanted to offer the grain (uncooked or in a pan or in the oven, etc.)
4. My “salt” for my offering of my faith may be different than yours
5. What was “covenantal salt”? It’s long lasting and impactful - Leviticus 18:19 - This was for the Sons of Aaron
6. My burnt offering has been given by Jesus Christ: His innocent blood was sacrificed for my sin After that, I give my grain offering, with the salt added, with options how I do it
7. My thoughts: My “New Covenant Salt” is tied to my Spiritual Gift(s) in that how I “cook it” may differ from yours but it’s still from my heart and expresses my faith
8. Never lose your saltiness

III. vv.14-16 - Light of the World

A. Are we obvious? Are we the city on a hill?

B. v.15 - think of the impact of lamp light in those dark, thick-walled houses -

1. Is there a city/house thought? A bunch of lights are a city - like the church; My own house needs my light as well

C. v.16 - there is no light shining on me to see how good I am but on Him so others may see that I have a Heavenly Father

1. First time “Father” is used in the NT to identify the LORD
2. Let the good works (salt and light) of the children been seen so others see the Father
3. How big a task is salting the Earth and lighting up the world? He’s getting them ready

➤ Philippians 4:8-9

IV. vv.17-20 - Jot and Tittles

A. v.17 - Jesus just gave the Beatitudes of “above and beyond” and is about to add six more “do-mores”
Remember the TaNaK: Law, Prophets, Writings

➤ Who is Matthew’s audience?

B. What’s “old” and what’s “new”?

1. Leviticus 19:18

2. Leviticus 19:27

3. Righteousness isn’t about keeping all the laws to perfection it’s about a focus on Him

a) What about Passover? Feast of Tabernacles, etc.? The priesthood?

b) None of these “do-different” change the reason for the offerings/sacrifice

c) Old Covenant and New Covenant

C. v.18 - “until all is accomplished”? I haven’t noticed Armageddon

D. vv.19-20 - Which commandments? Leviticus? No from the SOTM

1. Relaxes/nullifies/sets aside and teaches someone else shall be called least; Not “shalt not enter the gates”

V. My “Take Aways”

- The scribes and Pharisees had it down pat to keep the jots and tittles - we are to exceed that
- We have the Holy Spirit to guide us on what’s old and what’s new
- My salt and light is for HIS glory to point to my Heavenly Father

Questions? Comments? Thoughts?
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