

- a. Introduction 5:1-2
- b. Discourse on the the character of the subjects of the kingdom 5:3-20
- c. Discourse on legal/moral conduct of the subjects 5:21-48
- d. Discourse on the spiritual maturity of the subjects 6:1-34
- e. Discourse on the walk of the subjects 7:1-27
- f. Conclusion 7:28-29

3. Some questions (further applications)

- a. What was the standard of righteousness of the Pharisees?
- b. What is meant by the word "blessed"
- c. What is meant by the statement "you have heard it said of old.."
- d. How does the Lord Jesus validate the law of God as a good standard for His people?
- e. What aspect of interpretation to the law does Jesus give that was obviously being overlooked by the teachers of that time?
- f. Why does the Lord give us the particular instructions in prayer that are in Mt. 6
- g. What is the real danger of hypocrisy?
- h. In the light of chapter 6...are Christians justified to have a "savings account?"
- i. Is any judgment proper for believers..in light of chapter 7
- j. How do we understand the "golden rule" in daily practice?
- k. What does it mean to build on the sayings of the Lord Jesus?

3. Particular segments of the sermon:

- a. 5:1-20

(1) The beattitudes:

--note a teaching arrangement

--note how a fullness of character is taught

--note how both active and passive elements of Christian life are shown.