

Sermon on the Mount

Lesson 7 – Choices to be Made

Matthew 7:13-8:1 – Luke 6:43-49

Many have called the Sermon on the Mount an _____ message for the newly chosen twelve apostles. Though it was preached on a specific mountain at a specific time, this is a wonderful example of what Jesus taught every day! Let's sit at the feet of Jesus and learn too!

“The multitude was confronted with two diverse interpretations of what God demanded for acceptance into His presence. On the one hand was the explanation of the _____ and on the other was the requirement of _____. Christ now exhorted these people to enter the kingdom through the narrow way that He presented--by hearing His word and accepting His person.” J. Dwight Pentecost

Christ's Closing Challenge to His Listeners: Four Commands and Warnings

I. Enter the Narrow Gate – Two Ways, Gates, and Destinations

“_____ ye in at the strait (Lit. _____) gate: for wide is the gate, and broad (Lit. _____) is the way, that leadeth to destruction (Lit. _____), and many there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴Because strait is the gate, and narrow (Lit. _____) is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that _____ it.” Matthew 7:13-14

Broad way –

Narrow way –

II. Beware of False Teachers – Two Trees and Fruits

“Beware of _____, which come to you in sheep's clothing (Lit. _____), but inwardly they are ravening wolves. ¹⁶Ye shall know them by their _____. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? ¹⁷Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt (Lit. _____) tree bringeth forth evil fruit. ¹⁸A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. ²⁰Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know (Lit. _____) them. (“A good man out of the good treasure of his _____ bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his _____ bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the _____ his mouth speaketh.” Luke 6:45)” Matthew 7:15-20

False Teachers –

“Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.” –
Good Tree and Fruit –

Bad Tree and Fruit –

“for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.” –

Identifying False Teachers:

III. Beware of False Religion – Two Professions

“Not every one that saith unto _____, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the _____ of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to _____ in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in _____ name? and in _____ name have cast out devils? and in _____ name done many wonderful works? ²³And then will _____ profess unto them, (“And why call ye _____, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which _____ say?” Luke 6:46) _____ never knew you: depart from _____, ye that work iniquity.” Matthew 7:21-23

“**Many** will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not...in thy name done many wonderful works?” –

“And why call **me** Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?” –

“I never knew you:” –

“depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” –

IV. Build your Life on Christ’s Doctrine – Two Builders and Foundations

“Therefore whosoever (“_____ to me, and” Luke 6:47) _____ these sayings of mine, and _____ them, I will liken him unto a _____ man, which built his house (“and dug deep, and laid the foundation” Luke 6:48) upon a _____: ²⁵And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and (“the stream” Luke 6:48) beat (“vehemently” Luke 6:48) upon that house; (“and could not shake it” Luke 6:48) and it fell not: for it was founded upon a _____. ²⁶And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them _____, shall be likened unto a _____ man, which (“without a foundation” Luke 6:49) built his house upon the _____: ²⁷And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and (“the stream did beat vehemently” Luke 6:49) upon that house; and (“immediately” Luke 6:49) it _____: and great was the fall (“and the ruin” Luke 6:49) of it.” Matthew 7:24-27

Wise Man and Rock Foundation –

Response of the Listeners:

“And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished (Lit. _____) at his doctrine (Lit. _____): ²⁹ For he taught them as one having _____, and not as the scribes. **8** When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes _____ him.”
Matthew 7:28-8:1

“people were astonished at his doctrine:” –

“one having authority, and not as the scribes.” –

“great multitudes followed him.” –

What is our response?

1. Astonished at His doctrine?
2. Recognize His authority?
3. Follow Him also?

*“As you immerse, soak up, and cleanse yourself in the works and words of Christ,
His light will shine brighter through your life! Your defaults will begin to change to His ways,
and your worship, relationships, and faith will honor Him!
BUT this action of the Holy Spirit can only be done as you are open and obedient to Him.”*

“And **let the peace of God rule in your hearts**, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly** in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And **whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”
-Colossians 3:15-17