

# Lesson 8 – Sermon on the Mount

## *Introduction*

?	What are some of your favorite talks from Church leaders and from the scriptures?
!	The Sermon on the Mount is one of the few sermons we have from the Savior
!	The Sermon at the Temple in the New World repeats this great sermon
?	Why do you think this sermon was given in both the Old World and the New?
?	What are the differences in the settings for both sermons?
?	<p>What had the Savior taught to the Nephites preceding the Sermon at the Temple?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Who He is (3 Ne 11:10-12)</li> <li>2- Baptism (the first covenant)</li> <li>3- What is required to inherit the Kingdom of God (3 Ne 11: 33-34)</li> <li>4- This is my doctrine (35)</li> <li>5- Ordained the Twelve and commanded the people to heed them (3 Ne 12:1-2)</li> </ol>
?	So what is the context of the Sermon at the Temple?
?	<p>What is different about the Sermon on the Mount?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Law of Moses has not yet been fulfilled</li> <li>- The Twelve have not yet been ordained</li> </ul>
?	<p>What do they have in common?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They reflect the covenants</li> <li>- What of the condition the people were in at the Temple (in great need). How about in the Old World?</li> </ul>

## *Part 1 of the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5:1-12)*

!	The Beatitudes comprise promised blessings as part of a covenant. Do this. Get that.
Matt 5:1-12 3 Ne 11:3-12	<p>Compare the two and discuss each one.</p> <p>Define key words and explore opposite meanings.</p> <p>Read the footnotes and definitions.</p> <p>Why is each attribute so important? (poor, mourn, meek, etc)</p>

5:8	No unclean thing can dwell in His presence (3 Ne 27:19) – we must be pure in heart
DC 97:15-16	Pure in heart who come to the Temple shall see God
?	Are these attributes of God?
!	God wants us to share His qualities with others.
!	So if these attributes become part of our nature, we become more like our Father and our Savior

### ***Part 2 of the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5:13-16)***

Matt 5:13-16 3 Ne 11:13-16	Salt of the earth... / Light shine What is the main theme to these 4 verses? (example) (if you are not an example, you have little value to others)
?	How important was salt to them in this age? (life depended on it)
?	How does salt “lose its savor”?
?	How might any of us “lose our savor”?
?	What is the scriptural meaning of “light”?
DC 50:23-24	That which is of God is light...
DC 93:36-37, 39	Intelligence, light and truth. Satan takes light away
DC 88:67-68	What does it take to fill ourselves with light? (eye single to His glory)
?	What is His Glory? (Moses 1:39)
!	And if our minds become single to God, we shall see Him
?	Where in the Beatitudes does it refer to seeing Him? (5:8)

### ***Part 4 of the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5:17-47)***

Matt 5:17-18 3 Ne 11:17-18	Fulfilling the Law of Moses
!	Here the Savior announces the fulfillment of the Law of Moses. The Gospel is replacing the Law of Moses with a higher law. The rest of Matthew 5 focuses on what that means.
5:20	In what way were the Pharisees righteous? (letter of the law)
?	So how would our <u>obedience</u> need to be different from theirs?
?	Does that mean we should ignore the letter of the law?

21-26	Relationships are to be based on a higher law
27-30	Law of Chastity
38-42	Eye for an eye / turn the other cheek
?	What did “eye for an eye” mean?
?	What does “turn the other cheek” mean?
?	Does that mean that if somebody is attacking us we should not defend ourselves or our loved ones?
?	Go a mile / go twain -what does this mean?
43-37	Loving others

### ***We must strive to be perfect***

Matt 5:48 3 Ne 11:48	Notice the difference between these two verses
?	What does the Lord mean by becoming “perfect”?
?	Is this a commandment?
?	How many have achieved this goal during mortality?
?	So why did He give us this commandment?
BRM Quote	Probationary State of Mortality

# Bruce R. McConkie - The Probationary Test of Mortality

University of Utah, January 10th, 1982, p.11

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"I'd like to append to them the fact - and this is a true gospel verity - that everyone in the Church who is on the straight and narrow path, who is striving and struggling and desiring to do what is right, though far from perfect in this life; if he passes out of this life while he's on the straight and narrow, he's going to go on to an eternal reward in his Father's kingdom.

"You don't need to get a complex or get a feeling that you have to be perfect to be saved. You don't. There's only been one perfect person, and that's the Lord Jesus, but in order to be saved in the Kingdom of God and in order to pass the test of mortality, what you have to do is get on the straight and narrow path - thus charting a course leading to eternal life - and then, being on that path, pass out of this life in full fellowship. I'm not saying that you don't have to keep the commandments. I'm saying you don't have to be perfect to be saved. The way it operates is this: you get on the path that's named the 'straight and narrow'. You do it by entering the gate of repentance and baptism. The straight and narrow path leads from the gate of repentance and baptism, a very great distance, to a reward that's called eternal life. If you're on that path and pressing forward, and you die, you'll never get off the path. There is no such thing as falling off the straight and narrow path in the life to come, and the reason is that this life is the time that is given to men to prepare for eternity. Now is the time and the day of your salvation, so if you're working zealously in this life - though you haven't fully overcome the world and you haven't done all you hoped you might do - you're still going to be saved. You don't have to do what Jacob said, 'Go beyond the mark.' You don't have to live a lie that's truer than true. You don't have to have an excessive zeal that becomes fanatical and unbalancing. What you have to do is stay in the mainstream of the Church and live as upright and decent people in the Church - keeping the commandments, paying your tithing, serving in the organizations of the Church, loving the Lord, staying on the straight and narrow path. If you're on that path when death comes - because this is the time and day appointed, this is the probationary estate - you'll never fall off from it, and, for all practical purposes, your calling and election is made sure."