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The sermon on the mount is the same lesson taught three different times. Jesus told what He would teach. Then He taught the lesson. Finally, He told what He taught. The scriptures align in three parallel columns which interpret themselves. Now, the sermon on the mount makes more sense.

Many people have said that it is very difficult to get much real meaning out of reading the sermon on the mount because the thoughts seem to be disconnected. There isn't much of a flow of thought or meaning. It is hard to decide what the main thought is in each discourse. There has to be a good reason.

Perhaps Jesus gave the beatitudes in the sermon on the mount in a secret and esoteric way. At least the meanings of KJV rendition are obscure. It may be that it wasn't hidden at all, when Jesus taught the sermon on the mount. Perhaps the meanings became mysterious as the sermon was translated from language to language. And perhaps Jesus taught the lesson in a covered way so that the deepest meaning wouldn't be revealed until the right time. What do you think?

Up to this point in time, we have not been able to find any literature that would indicate that our Christian society and/or Christian authors has/have noticed the triple parallel teaching of the sermon on the mount. Now the Holy Spirit has shown light on the sermon on the mount so that we may now understand it. It interprets itself.

Firstly, Jesus gave us nine different beatitudes. (Matt. 5:3-12) Jesus secondly taught lessons about the main theme of each beatitude in the order that He introduced each beatitude. (Matt. 5:13-48) And, thirdly, Jesus finally gave a summary of each beatitude, and each teaching, in the same order. (Matt. 6:1-7:27) In baseball, we used to call it a triple header.

The basic mechanics of the new revelation of how to read and interpret the sermon on the mount is covered in the book, THE KEY TO THE BOOK OF REVELATION, available from the DAVID EBAUGH BIBLE SCHOOL.

For many years we have known that the parallels apply to the book of Revelation. The prophecy is told twice: first it is a heavenly view. (Chaps. 1-11) Second, it is an earthly view of the very same events. (Chaps. 12-22) Each half serves to interpret the other.

Recently, after a month of intense study and prayer, the Holy Spirit revealed that the parallels also apply to the sermon on the mount. But there is a difference. The sermon on the mount is repeated three times - not two times like the book of Revelation.

Perhaps more places will be discovered in the Bible where the repeated parallels also apply. We'll see.

The following pages are divided into three columns. The first column contains Jesus' introduction, with nine beatitudes, one on each page/section. The second column contains His teaching on the subject. The third column contains Jesus' summary on each teaching (on each beatitude). My comments are in each appropriate column.

Read each column from top to bottom, while letting your eye drift to the parallel section in one of the other columns. On the next and following pages you will find the next beatitudes.

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#1. POOR (MONEY) 5:3	#1. SALT (MONEY) 5:13	#1. ALMS (MONEY) 6:1-4
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## BEATITUDE #1.

Subject - Money

Column #1, Matthew 5:3 to 5:12.  
No verses missing. All verses used.

### INTRODUCTION

**Matthew 5:3, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

blessed G3107 makarios {mak-ar'-ee-os} blessed 44, happy 5, happier 1; 50) (H01288 barak {baw-rak'}  
bless 302, salute 5, curse 4, blaspheme 2, blessing 2, praised 2, kneel down 2, congratulate 1, kneel 1, make to kneel 1, misc. 8; 330 from the word knee, kneel, bend the knee.

poor G4434 ptochos {pto-khos'} from ptosso {to crouch, akin to 4422 and the alternate of 4098); - poor 30, beggar 2, poor man 1, beggarly 1; 34, associated with the idea of fall or falling.

spirit G3772 ouranos {oo-ran-os'} perhaps from the same as 3735 through the idea of elevation, the sky; expansion.

### INTRODUCTION

#### **POOR IS ABOUT MONEY AND/OR THE LACK OF MONEY.**

Compare Col. #1 poor (money), with Col. #2 salt (money), with Col.

## BEATITUDE #1.

Subject - Money

Column #2, Matthew 5:13 to 5:48.  
No verses missing. All verses used.

### THE TEACHING

**Matthew 5:13, Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.**

### THE TEACHING

#### **SALT HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN USED AS A SYMBOL FOR MONEY**

Compare Col. #2 salt (money), with Col. #1 poor (money), with Col. #3 alms (money).

The nine beatitudes of Column #1 are nine teaching headings of Column #2.

You must be used. Salt has traditionally been used as a symbol for money. You must be used like money in the earthly realm. You must be like salt. Neither money or salt are of any real value until they are used.

## BEATITUDE #1.

Subject - Money

Column #3, Matthew 6:1 to 7:27, end of sermon on the mount. No verses missing. All verses used.

### THE SUMMERY

**Matthew 6:1, Take heed that ye do not your alms (money, gifts) before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.**

**2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, (money, gifts) do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.**

**3 But when thou doest alms, (money, gifts) let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:**

**4 That thine alms (money, gifts) may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.**

### THE SUMMARY

#### **ALMS ARE THE SAME THING AS MONEY.**

Compare Col. #3 alms (money), with Col. #2 salt (money), with Col. #1 poor (money).

## BEATITUDE #1. SUBJECT MONEY.

#3 alms (money).

Jesus gave us nine beatitudes that are introductions to the subjects that He taught.

Are we talking about people who are poor in spirit? No. The subject is poor in something else: Money, health, love, appreciation, etc.

There are two kingdoms. Those who become poor in the earthly temporal kingdom shall possess the kingdom of heaven when they ask for the spirit.

Things are going to get better for people who have become poor in some way.

This explanation speaks to the question of, "How can anyone who is poor in spirit, as the KJV suggests, be any good to any project?" The answer? Another translation problem. The subject is not a poor spirit. The subjects are poor in money and/or other talents and/or blessings and/or benefits.

This first column is an introduction to the subject of money.

Don't loose your own value, even when you suffer some loss and become poor in something. Keep up your self image. You are an important part of the kingdom of God.

When or if you become poor in some way, it will cause you to look for deeper meanings to discover why. That's good. So, becoming poor can be for your own good if you ask why you are used up.

This second column teaches us how to use money (or other talents) in the kingdom of God.

The nine beatitudes in Column #1 and the teachings in column # 2 are summarized in nine summaries in Column #3.

Secret gifts of blessing produce openly revealed rewards. Column #3 settles the question of how to use money or any other talent. It must be used secretly and not openly to be sure you will receive an appropriate reward from God.

The kingdom of heaven is a secret kingdom, so we must operate within the kingdom in a secret and/or covert manner. Also, our rewards for our successful secret operations will be manifest openly to the temporal kingdoms of the earth, by our heavenly Father.

This is a revolutionary idea that we would never pick up in a worldly sales meeting.

This third column is a summary of the use of money (or other talents) in the kingdom of God.

## BEATITUDE #2. SUBJECT INSTRUCTION.

### BEATITUDE # 2. Subject - Instruction

Column #1, Matthew 5:4.

#### INTRODUCTION

**Matthew 5:4, Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.**

mourn: G3996, etymology 3993-3998, pentheo associated with poor, from the idea of being poor.

comforted. receive a talking to G3870, etymology 3867-3878, parakaleo par-ak-al-eh'-o, - beseech 43, comfort 23, exhort 21, desire 8, pray 6, intreat 3, misc. 4, vr besought 1; 109

#### COMFORTED IS ABOUT RECEIVING INSTRUCTION

The etymology of "comforted" produces the meaning of "instruction." Good instruction should be comforting.

Those who mourn over becoming poor shall become kings of the teachable spirit. The Bible is full of patterns that teach there are times that God takes things away from people to get their attention, so they can receive a teachable spirit and then they can learn something.

### BEATITUDE #2. Subject - Instruction

Column #2, Matthew 5:14--16.

#### THE TEACHING

**Matthew 5:14, Ye are the light of the (earthly) world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.**

**15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.**

**16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

#### LIGHT IS ABOUT INSTRUCTION

A light has traditionally been used as a symbol for instruction and/or learning. You must be used, like light instruction. Light is of no real value until it is used. Light can not be used up. No matter how many people use the light to read and learn by, there is always room for a few more to use the very same light. In a parallel way, you can only be used; you can not be used up. The Bible word for this principle - that there is always room for one more - is **Rehoboth**. (Gen. 26:22, Rehoboth Beach in Delaware was organized as a religious community by early Methodists.) You must use your light instruction to bless others. You must also receive the light instruction that others give to you.

### BEATITUDE # 2. Subject - Instruction

Column #3, Matthew 6:5-6.

#### THE SUMMARY

**Matthew 6:5, And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.**

**6:6, But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.**

#### YOUR REWARD IS GOOD INSTRUCTION

The kingdom of heaven consists of secret spiritual acts like prayer and thoughts in the present that will produce openly revealed rewards in the future.

The reward for mourning over becoming poor is to receive good instruction.

When you don't know what to do, go to your prayer closet.

## BEATITUDE #3. SUBJECT, DIVISION OF THE EARTH BY LOTTERY.

### BEATITUDE # 3.

Subject - Division of the Earth  
By Lottery.

Column #1, Matthew 5:5.

**Matthew 5:5, Blessed  
are the meek: for they  
shall inherit the earth.**

#### INHERIT THE EARTH IS ABOUT GIVING UP YOUR RIGHTS

The etymology of the word "inherit" traces from "lot" or "lottery." God has traditionally used a lottery to distribute earthly blessings. See the division of the land to the tribes.

*Numbers 26:55, Notwithstanding the land shall be divided by lot: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit.*

Meekness toward God is that disposition of mind in which we accept His dealings with us as good, and therefore without disputing or resisting. In the OT, the meek are those who wholly rely on God rather than their own strength to defend themselves against injustice. Thus, meekness toward evil people means knowing God is permitting the injuries they inflict, that He is using them to purify His elect, and that He will deliver His elect in His time. (Luke 18:7-8)

Gentleness or meekness is the opposite to self-assertiveness and self-interest. It stems from trust in God's goodness and control over the situation. The meek person is not occupied with self at all. This

### BEATITUDE # 3.

Subject - Division of the Earth  
By Lottery.

Column #2, Matthew 5:17-19.

*Matthew 5:17, Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

*19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

#### INHERIT THE EARTH IS ABOUT LAW AND GRACE

Application of law and grace is about inheriting the earth (not heaven). Those who break the commandments and teach others to follow are called least in the kingdom of heaven. Who did that? Paul is less than the least of all saints.

*Ephesians 3:8, Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace (not law) given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;*

Entry into the kingdom of heaven is not a matter of keeping the commandments, it is by grace.

The least in the kingdom shall break the commandments and instruct

### BEATITUDE #3, MEEK

Subject - Division of the Earth  
By Lottery.

Column #3, Matthew 6:7-8.

*Matthew 6:7, But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.*

*8, Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.*

#### INHERIT THE EARTH (NOT HEAVEN) IS ABOUT CORRECT PRAYER

Use plain simple language when you pray. God knows your earthly temporal need before you pray about it.

Meek people are content with their earthly temporal lot.

Our God knows what lot you have received.

### BEATTITUDE #3. SUBJECT, DIVISION OF THE EARTH BY LOTTERY.

is a work of the Holy Spirit, not of the human will. (Gal. 5:23)

*Galatians 5:23, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

*Numbers 12:3, Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.*

There is something about meekness that evades our understanding. Moses was an angry killer. Moses argued with Pharaoh. Moses argued with God. Yet, he was the meekest man on the earth.

The meek persons shall become the kings of the lottery distribution of the whole earth. The kingdom of heaven is divided by lottery just like the first kingdom of Israel was divided by lottery to the different tribes of Israel. That means some people receive good things if they deserve them or not. Other people receive bad things if they deserve them or not. It's by lot, not desire, and not a reward. A meek person is content with their lot. They recognize that the lot of other people, large or small, beautiful or ugly, good or bad, is a matter of the script (purposes - volume of the book) they received from God and not a matter of the piety or obedience they manifested in their own life. A meek person avoids comparing their own lot with the lot of others. Meekness must be in balance with faith and self esteem, i.e., *Philippians 4:13, I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*

others to break the commandments, and still enter the kingdom of heaven by grace.

The jot and tittle are passed. The kingdom of heaven shall be manifest when the law is appropriate in your life, and when grace is best in the life of another person.

Meek - people give up having their own way and become great by receiving by lottery, their portion of the whole earth. The great meek in the kingdom first apply the law and commandments to themselves and then subsequently teach other people to do the same. The kingdom of heaven is made up of those people who keep the commandments and those who don't.

Earthly temporal blessings are not distributed on the basis of obedience to the commandments. They are distributed by lottery. Ugly things do not come to your earthly temporal life because you have been disobedient. They come by lot. The same for good things.

I know some very wonderful and meek Christians who must carry very heavy loads of ugly things in their lives - they received that ugly load by lot. Some people say by chance. I also know some very selfish, self centered, self serving Christians who received a very large inheritance and they won't share a nickel with any one else. They received that wealth by lot, lottery, chance. Meek people have the ability to see beyond those circumstances of life and praise God in prayer without disputing or resisting their own lot and/or the lot of their neighbor.



## BEATITUDE #4. SUBJECT RIGHTEOUSNESS.

### BEATITUDE # 4. Subject - Righteousness

Column #1, Matthew 5:6.

**Matthew 5:6, Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.**

Righteousness, - to be set in right order, justification.

#### RIGHTEOUSNESS IS ABOUT BEING FULL

Melchisedec was priest of EL ELYON, king of righteousness, king of peace. That implies that those who achieve righteousness in this life will enter the Melchisedec priesthood.

The hungry and thirsty people seek after righteousness (to set a right order of things). They shall become the kings of fullness. They will not receive righteousness through the law of Moses. They will become righteous by following the command of Jesus to forgive.

In another sense, Jesus is our righteousness.

*1 Corinthians 1:30, But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:*

### BEATITUDE # 4. Subject - Righteousness

Column #2, Matthew 5:20.

**Matthew 5:20, For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.**

#### RIGHTEOUSNESS IS ABOUT THE LAW AND GRACE

The purpose of all religious experiences are to set everything in the right order, the right place. The righteousness of a person can not be discovered by outward observation. Righteousness comes from secretly forgiving.

The following teachings of Jesus about the beatitudes are examples of how to be more righteous than the scribes and Pharisees. Their righteousness is outward in the earthly temporal realm. Yours must be in the inward, secret place of the SPIRIT, and of the heart.

The scribes and Pharisees sought righteousness by keeping the law. Jesus said that wasn't enough. Forgiveness is the manifestation of righteousness.

### BEATITUDE #4. Subject - Righteousness

Column #3, Matthew 6:9 -13.

**Matthew 6:9, After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.**

**10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. (Divide earth from heaven.)**

**11 Give us this day our daily bread. (Divide our personal needs from the earth.)**

**12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. (Divide us from our debts. We will divide our debtors from their debts by forgiving them.)**

**13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

**14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:**

**15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.**

#### RIGHTEOUSNESS IS ABOUT PUTTING THINGS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

This prayer, taught to us by Jesus Christ, is a perfect example of righteousness, which is justification, which is to present in the right order.

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And Jesus taught us that forgiveness produces righteousness when we read from the parallel parts of the sermon.

The Lord's prayer is in the right order; that makes it righteous; that makes it justified.

The Lord's prayer starts with the answer and divides to the problem. The Lord's prayer is deductive not inductive. The Lord's prayer is subjective not objective. The Lord's prayer divides, it does not add.

The only thing you promise, is to forgive your enemies. You must forgive them that curse you, forgive them that despitefully use you, forgive them that persecute (divide) you.

Divide us from temptation and evil, after we forgive.

Secretly forgive your enemies who curse you, hate you, despitefully use you, and persecute (divide) you, so that you may be openly forgiven by your heavenly father. We must initiate the forgiveness of God toward us (divide us from our debts - trespasses) by first forgiving others (divide them from their debts - trespasses). God said He would forgive and forget. We are **not** commanded to forget, just forgive.

## BEATITUDE #5. SUBJECT REWARD.

### BEATITUDE # 5. Subject - Reward

Column #1, Matthew 5:7.

**Matthew 5:7, Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.**

Mercy, G1655, see 1653 to 1656 for alms and mercy. The etymology of mercy connects to alms.

### THE REWARD FOR GIVING MERCY IS RECEIVING MERCY

The merciful people shall become the kings of giving and receiving. Merciful people meet the needs of others and consequently their own needs are met as a reward.

### BEATITUDE # 5. Subject - Reward

Column #2, Matthew 5:21-22.

**Matthew 5:21, Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:**

**22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother**

**(without a cause] - omit this purposeful corruption of the text by the KJV translators)**

**shall be in danger of the judgment (a crisis): and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca (empty head), shall be in danger of the council (sanhedrin): but whosoever shall say, Thou fool (moron), shall be in danger of hell fire (a burning garbage pile).**

**23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought (a certain thing - anything) against thee; (Not the heat of anger, but some little thing.)**

**24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.**

**25, Agree with thine adversary (antithesis, opponent) quickly, whiles thou art in the way (traveling) with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.**

### BEATITUDE #5. Subject - Reward

Column #3, Matthew 6:16-18.

**Matthew 6:16, Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.**

**6:17, But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;**

**6:18, That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.**

### MERCY IS ABOUT RECEIVING REWARDS

We are directed to secretly deceive other people in regard to fasting, but with the full knowledge that we can never secretly deceive God.

Secret fasting produces openly revealed rewards. Doing good (giving), praying, and fasting are in secret. Loving and blessing may be in the open. There is no warning about keeping them secret.

The parallel connects mercy with fasting. I would not have noticed the connection without the parallel first pointing to it. The parallel also connects rewards to fasting, and that is a little easier to see.



*26 Verily I say unto thee,  
Thou shalt by no means  
come out thence, till thou  
hast paid the uttermost  
farthing.*

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**HELL FIRE IS THE REWARD  
FOR STUPID JUDGMENT**

The merciful will not give judgment, they will give blessing. A judgmental attitude shall be judged as being as bad as murder.

Hell fire is G1067, gehenna, burning garbage dump. G86, Hades, Pluto, grave, death. G520, Tartaroo, deepest pit of Hades, Hebrew Gehenna. Our word **HELL**, is a combination of all those ideas, but the word **HELL** does not appear in the original Bible text, either in the Hebrew or the Greek.

The word "hell" was made up by the translators, to include all those different ideas. If you want to know about the different ideas about hell, you will have to mark up your Bible, using the three different words, gehenna, Hades, and Tartaro. You can find the many references in your concordance.

Righteousness is justification, and that is to set in a right order and that means your relationship with your brother is more important than your gift to God. So, get it in the right order. Avoid a hot reward. **Mercy** without **reconciliation** is empty and hollow and useless.

A gift to God by an angry brother is an oxymoron - impossible. If you are still angry, keep your money.

Don't be angry when your traveling companion becomes your adver-

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sary. Be reconciled, or you will be judged. **Mercy** must be given even to your friend who becomes your **adversary, opponent, antithesis**. Your freedom depends on your **mercy**, even to those who get on your nerves. The kingdom of God will contain people who get your goat. They hit your crazy bone - they pour salt in your wounds - they are sandpaper to your nerves. Don't think that you will relieve yourself of the presence of such kinds of people in the kingdom of heaven. You won't.

## BEATITUDE #6. PURE IN HEART AND LOOK SEE

### BEATITUDE # 6.

Subjects - Pure In Heart  
and Look See

Column #1, Matthew 5:8.

Matthew 5:8, **Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.**

#### PURE IN HEART IS ABOUT BEING RIGHT IN THE SPIRIT, LOOKING FOR AND SEEING GOD

The people who are pure in heart shall become the kings of the priests of God. The pure in heart can see God in every circumstance of life, even in tragic circumstances where other people can only see the devil. In order to have a pure heart, the foreskin of the heart must be removed (circumcised).

*Deuteronomy 10:16, Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.*

*Jeremiah 4:4, Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem:*

*Deuteronomy 30:6, And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.*

*James 4:8, Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.*

### BEATITUDE # 6.

Subjects - Pure In Heart  
and Look See

Column #2, Matthew 5:27-30.

Matthew 5:27, Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart

29, And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out - pluck it out (doubled in the Greek for emphasis), and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off - cut it off (doubled in the Greek for emphasis), and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

#### PURE IN HEART IS ABOUT REMOVING THINGS THAT OFFEND THE SPIRIT, LOOKING FOR AND SEEING THE RIGHT THINGS

A lustful secret look creates as much harm in the heart (SPIRIT) as does actual physical adultery.

How can a saved man have adultery in his heart? The problem is that the sin nature of humanity was not

### BEATITUDE #6.

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Column #3, Matthew 6:19-34.

Matthew 6:19, Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20, But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (5:8, 5:28)

22, The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

25, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into

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The context shows that James was writing to Christian members of the church when he called them double minded sinners and showed the need to cleanse their hearts.

For many years I felt that there was something wrong with that passage because it seemed obvious to me that those bad people were already saved. How could they have further need for cleansing of their hearts?

Jesus covered their past sins with His blood. Next, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to save their souls. Then those Christians had to cleanse their hearts by heart circumcision, in order to deal with, and overcome their own sin nature. My book, CIRCUMCISION OF THE HEART, deals in detail with those steps to perfection. It's a revelation for the present time and present generation.

removed at the cross of Calvary. Yes. The penalty for sin was removed by the blood and **FORCE** of JESUS. After that the Holy Spirit has had about 2000 years to work on removing sin from the mind (soul - psyche) through the **POWER**. Now, at this time, our **GOD** is starting to re-release his **ENERGY** which will remove the sin nature of mankind through the circumcision of the heart.

JESUS' subject here, is cleansing of the heart (SPIRIT), not mutilation of the body. It is reported that Origin, an early church father, castrated himself as a result of this scripture, in order to conduct coed Bible classes without himself being subject to lust. JESUS said lust starts in the heart (SPIRIT), not the testicles. If lust was in the testicles, then it would be impossible for a woman to lust. The foreskin of the heart must be circumcised in order to conquer lust.

Is lust sin?

*James 1:14-15, But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, (G1939) and enticed. Then when lust (G1939) hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.*

*Luke 22:15, And he said unto them, With desire (G1939) I have desired (G1937) to eat this passover with you before I suffer:*

Something's wrong. When Jesus experiences G1939-37 it is called desire. When a man is tempted by G1939-37, it is called lust. What is it? Lust or desire?

*barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?*

*27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?*

*28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:*

*29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*

*30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?*

*31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?*

*32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.*

*6:33, But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

*34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.*

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No. Lust is not sin. When it continues it conceives and produces sin.

*Colossians 2:11, In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:*

Pluck it out, cut it off, put it off, are all descriptions of the circumcision of the foreskin of the heart. (5:8, 5:28) The kingdom of heaven will be made up of people who have been circumcised in the heart (not just the flesh) so they can be trusted in all circumstances.

Lust in the heart (SPIRIT) brings damage to the SPIRIT. Lust and adultery start in the heart (SPIRIT), before they are manifest in the earthly temporal realm. The pure in heart (SPIRIT) can not have lust in their heart (spirit), and as a result, they can not commit adultery in the body (earthly realm).

When the pure in heart looks at a woman, he sees God in her. [5:8] The pure in heart sees God in everything - both beautiful and ugly. And when a woman looks at a man with lust, she has already committed adultery with him in her heart (SPIRIT), and brought damage to her own heart (SPIRIT).

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### PURE IN HEART IS ABOUT SEEKING AND RECEIVING THINGS THAT PLEASE THE SPIRIT, SEEING AND LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT THINGS

Do not work for earthly temporal rewards.

The test answer is in the condition of your heart - not if you possess or don't possess temporal goods. Set your heart toward secret heavenly rewards.

Work toward one heavenly goal, not two goals, heaven and earth. Keep the God whose name is JEALOUS off of your case.

*Exodus 34:14, For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is JEALOUS, is a jealous God:*

An evil eye is set for earthly temporal treasures such as anger, lust for sex, lust for many other things such as food, and vengeance. A person with an evil eye thinks he can get the favor of both God and the world. Get your priorities right. First, the kingdom of heaven. Then God will take care of your earthly needs. Put the horse before the cart - not the cart before the horse. Set your eye singularly on the kingdom of God and righteousness and receive everything.

Do not even think about earthly temporal benefits as a reward from God. God plans the benefit and retirement programs for the pure in heart.

## BEATITUDE #7. SUBJECT WAR AND PEACE

### BEATITUDE #7. Subject - War & Peace

Column #1, Matthew 5:9.

**Matthew 5:9, Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.**

**BECOMING A MANIFEST  
SON OF GOD IS ABOUT  
BEING A PEACEMAKER**

The peacemakers shall become the kings of God's sons.

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Column #2, Matthew 5:31-37.

**Matthew 5:31, It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:**

**32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her (him) to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her (him) that is divorced committeth adultery.**

**33 Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:**

**34, But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:**

**35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.**

**36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.**

**37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.**

**PEACE CAN NOT COME BY  
WORDS OF PROMISES OR  
WORDS OF DIVORCE (WAR).**

The divorce/adultery situation is a matter of the heart (SPIRIT) - not the bed.

### BEATITUDE #7. Subject - War & Peace

Column #3, Matthew 7:1-20.

**Matthew 7:1, Judge not, that ye be not judged.**

**2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.**

**3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?**

**4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?**

**5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.**

**6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs (sodomite Deut. 23:18), neither cast ye your pearls before swine (from mad or enraged), lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.**

**7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:**

**8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.**

**9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a**



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*Psalm 82:6, I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High [EL ELYON].*

God's children not only walk in peace; they bring peace with them to others.

Peacemakers are not easily offended by others. Peacemakers do not have a chip on their shoulder.

A divorce is not the right way to bring peace.

A divorce is the result of war; it will not bring peace. Peacemakers don't sue for divorce.

A divorce does not sever the **marriage contract**, even though the law of Moses indicates it may.

Divorce was allowed because of the hardness of the heart of mankind. If the Jews would have been pure in heart, Moses would not have allowed a bill of divorcement.

In verse 32 I placed "him" after "her". In the Greek, "her" is G846 which is translated "him" ten times more often as "her." And it makes more sense to include both sexes.

The person with a pure heart will not break the spirit of the law of Moses, or the letter of the law of Moses. SPIRITUAL truth about the heart is more important than is temporal truth about the body. A divorce is impossible for those with pure hearts in the kingdom of heaven. A divorce is war.

The pure in heart can not commit adultery. The kingdom of heaven consists of some people who were divorced, but they did not get a divorce - they were divorced. A peacemaker attempts to avoid a divorce.

Men are commanded to agape love their wives and women are commanded to learn to phileo love their husbands. This difference is addressed in my book MARRIAGE DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE.

stone?

10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

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If those two commands were followed there would be no divorce.

Make no promises (do not enter contracts) because you can not control the future. A simple "yes" or "no" will do. This section on contract promises is tied to the preceding sections on marriage with its contract promises, and divorce with its dissolving of contract promises, and lust and adultery. Many bad marriages are the result of broken promises - promises that should have never been made.

The pure in heart do not promise more than they can deliver. For a spiritual person, this section also brings a mortgage contract into question. Dr. Robert Schuller built the Crystal Cathedral without a mortgage. The kingdom of heaven is made up of people who make only a very few promises; and who keep the promises they make. They are truly pure in heart.

Our present government and economic system make it impossible for the majority of Christians to follow Jesus' teachings on making promises (contracts). In a similar way, Israel could not keep the laws of Moses while they were captives in Babylon.

Christians with mortgages on their homes and/or who have borrowed money in order to have a car, must receive whatever blessings they can from the present economic system. They have chosen to ignore the teachings of Jesus, so the responses they receive, in the spiritual realm, must be mitigated and be of much less intensity than either Jesus or

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### PEACEMAKERS JUDGE THEMSELVES AND GIVE GRACE AND MERCY TO EVERYONE ELSE.

Judging other people will start a war - it will not bring peace.

**Dog**, Hebrew idiom for sodomite, see, Deuteronomy 23:17-18, *There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. 18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God.*

**Swine**, G5519, etymology, G5519-21, angry, mad, enraged, gall, wormwood.

You can expect dogs (sodomites) to war against you when you attempt to show them that the law of Moses is to be applied to **themselves**. Sodomites (dogs) can not place themselves under the law of Moses.

You can expect swine (enraged people) to war against you when you attempt to show them that they are **not** to judge other people by the law of Moses. The mad and enraged (swine) demand that other people keep the laws of Moses. They are enraged when other people break the law, but they make excuses for their own failure.

The sayings of Moses and the prophets are summed up by the Golden Rule. Many people will not use the golden rule. Only a few



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they want.

For the most part, people who enter contracts are headed for war, not peace.

The Bible does not tell us to not borrow money at interest. Provision is made in the scriptures for poor people to borrow. Rich Christians and Jews may not loan money at interest, except Jews may loan to Christians. The Bible teaches that it's O.K. to borrow for a house or a car or even for a business if you have to. Things go better when you don't.

I don't know anyone who has bought a house without a mortgage - or many who have bought a car without a loan. That's because our government has sold us out to the Babylon usury money system. That's another good reason to approach the name/nature of EL ELYON.

will.

Do not judge other people by Moses law. Inspect (judge) the fruit, not the tree. False prophets will **not** apply the golden rule. They will apply the law of Moses to judge other people. They will have the evil spirit of a wolf.

Do not judge the person. Judge his fruit (production). Bad trees (false prophets) will be destroyed because they produce bad fruit.

## BEATITUDE #8. ACTIVE PHYSICAL PERSECUTION

### BEATITUDE # 8.

Subject - Active Persecution

Column #1, Matthew 5:10.

**Matthew 5:10, Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

#### PUTTING THINGS IN THE RIGHT ORDER CAN RESULT IN PERSECUTION.

The kingdom of heaven (expansion) is a product of persecution

The people who are actively persecuted by the acts of others, for righteousness (justification - set in a right order) that they were seeking, shall become the kings of heaven. The kingdom of heaven is not the absence of active persecution and trouble in your life (even though you desperately want to be free from it); the kingdom of heaven is manifest by your reaction to the persecution. Putting things in the right order does not thrill all theologians and/or Christians. Why? Because most people have their own idea of the right order, the right set of priorities. They are comfortable with their own order of priorities. For some, the priority is, God, country, family, and church. For others, the priority is Church, God, country, and family. For still others it is family, country, God,

### BEATITUDE # 8.

Subject - Active Persecution

Column #2, Matthew 5:38-42.

**Matthew 5:38, Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:**

**39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.**

**40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also.**

**41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.**

**42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.**

#### LOVE IS THE PROPER RESPONSE TO PERSECUTION.

The kingdom of heaven (expansion) is a matter of how you act and react and think, and not what you possess.

Your own comfort is not an issue in the kingdom of heaven. At issue, is whether you can lovingly (with agape) return good for evil to those who take actions against you.

### BEATITUDE #8.

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Column #3, Matthew 7:21-25.

**Matthew 7:21, Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.**

**22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?**

**23, And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**

**24, Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:**

**25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.**

#### DISOBEDIENCE IS A FORM OF ACTIVE PERSECUTION.

The kingdom of heaven (expansion) is not for all religious workers.

False prophets openly perform wonderful religious works in their own lives, but they just don't get it.

Jesus will reject false prophets. Jesus calls the open religious works "iniquity." Your spiritual works

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and church. Take your pick or insert your own idea of an alternate system of priorities that make you feel comfortable. But, some people don't want to be challenged by Jesus' teaching on priorities - setting things in order.

You will be persecuted when you challenge the priority system of another sensitive person.

Bank on it.

must be in **secret**.

The church has been persecuted and used and fleeced by religious workers who put the cart before the horse. Their priorities are wrong. The most obvious abuse of right priorities in church is when the minister puts his own wants and needs above the needs of the congregation. That's a form of active religious persecution.

### **A MASTER CRAFTSMAN**

A wise man will listen, obey, and will build a lasting house on Jesus' sayings - the rock.

## BEATITUDE # 9.

Summary - Conquer Verbal  
Persecution With Agape Love.

Matthew 5:11 *Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.*

12 *Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*

### PERSECUTION IS ABOUT RECEIVING HEAVENLY REWARDS.

Revile, G3679, see G3678 to G3688 for the etymology that shows the connection to an ass. To revile is to talk to or about a person as though they were an ass.

The people who are spoken against (bad mouthed) shall be the kings of heavenly rewards. The kingdom of heaven is not the absence of unfair and/or lying comments about your person; it is a manifestation of the way you handle your accusers and their lies. Don't think you won't have them. You will.

Don't be a jerk. Overcome verbal abuse and persecution with agape love. Some people try assertiveness to conquer verbal abuse and persecution. Some try the law and courts. Others get even. Jesus only taught agape love.

## BEATITUDE # 9.

Summary - Conquer Verbal  
Persecution With Agape Love.

Matthew 5:43, *Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love (agapao) thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.*

44 *But I say unto you, Love (agapao) your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute (divide) you;*

45 *That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.*

46, *For if ye love (agapao) them which love (agapao) you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans (tax collectors) the same?*

47 *And if ye salute (embrace) your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans (tax collectors) so?*

48 *Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.*

### PERSECUTION IS ABOUT LOVING THOSE WHO ABUSE YOU.

So love your enemies.

The best response to the acts of persecution by enemies, those who curse you and those who hate you, is to return agape love, blessing.

## BEATITUDE #9.

Summary - Conquer Verbal  
Persecution With Agape Love.

Matthew 7:26, *And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:*

27 *And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.*

### ONLY A JERK WOULD IGNORE THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS ABOUT HOW TO HANDLE PERSECUTION WITH LOVE.

A foolish man will listen, but will not obey, and will build a failing house on the sand.

### A MASTER CRAFTSMAN? OR A JERK?

Hebrews 3:4, *For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.*

I would have never connected this section about building on sand with verbal abuse and persecution. But, the parallels show they are connected, so I now know how to avoid being a foolish jerk.

Love and do good to those who persecute you.

How good it is.

and prayer for the persecutor. Agape love your enemies by returning good for bad. An agape lover responds by blessing, doing good, and praying for evil people.

This is one of the best teachings on agape love that is in the Bible.

Jesus defined what agape love is. Agape love is to return good for bad. Phileo love is to return in kind. You scratch my back. I'll scratch yours. Agape love says I'll give good to you even when you give bad to me.

Now, you know that when you can return good for bad to someone, then you are starting to manifest agape love. No. You are not an agape lover just because you want to be, or because you say you are, or because you have received the revelation. You agape love when you return good for evil.

You must have enemies in order to live in the kingdom of heaven. So **bless** them that curse you with their words. The kingdom of heaven is not the absence of enemies.

**Persecution** by words. Your heavenly **reward** depends on how you treat your persecutors. Even the tax collectors, love their families. For example, you must return **good** to your government tax collector for the **bad word** he gives to you, and the bad word he puts out on you. That's a real test of agape love devised by Jesus Christ.

Remember, it was the government agents who persecuted nearly all the prophets.

Remember also, Jesus was con-

victed by the government on a trumped up untrue tax evasion charge.

*Luke 23:2, And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King. (A trumped up lying tax evasion charge.)*

*John 19:12-16, ---but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king (and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, Luke 23:2), saying that he himself is Christ a King, speaketh against Caesar. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat ---Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified.*

The Jews chose allegiance to the government over allegiance to God and the son of God.

Even the government tax collectors, love their **friends**, as distinguished from **families**, treated above. The most **perfect** thing to do in order to enter the kingdom of heaven, is to bless everyone, even down unto your government tax collector, whose words bring a curse on you. Mothers, pray that your children never become tax collectors. Fathers, love and bless your persecutors, for example, the tax collectors, and pray that your children are delivered from the evil of tax collectors. Love for a person, such as a

government tax collector, does not indicate approval of their evil acts.

Persecution by words can hurt every bit as much as can persecution by acts. Persecution by words can ruin a good reputation, a career, a life. So can persecution by acts. But, you have got to learn to agape love your persecutor and return good for evil or else just forget about entering the kingdom of heaven in this life.