

## Matthew 5

King James Version (KJV)

**5** And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

(Jesus is now teaching the disciples. They would later go on to teach others. This chapter is a teaching for preachers, not for the general public)

**2** And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, (The Beatitudes)

**3** Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Blessed = Happy; poor= humble – better translation) (Pride has no place in Heaven)

**4** Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. (They mourn because the world is so corrupt. Christians are being persecuted by their own governments. They long for the return of Messiah)

**5** Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. (Jesus taught us to be meek; to keep ego in check. That is the best way to teach by example – to reach people in order to teach them God's Word)

Ezekiel-28 (Pride was Satan's downfall, during the First Age. He was an archangel, along with Michael. They were the protectors of the mercy seat of God. Satan rebelled against God, and was sentenced to death for it)

(Michael remained loyal to God. He is now called the great prince which stands for the children of the people) Daniel-12:1

**6** Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. (They hunger to learn the Word of God. They can then pass the knowledge of God's Word and wisdom on to others who want to learn)

**7** Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. (Treat all people as children of God. Have compassion for others when it's possible; but don't be a doormat for abusers and evil people. Tough love is also mercy. Correcting those that are doing wrong can sometimes change their attitude for the better)

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. (Pure of heart is to learn God's Word and to live by it. We all sin, but we can repent and get right with God. Jesus made that possible for us)

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. (God's Holy Spirit can give us great peace of mind; when we live by His Word. Share it with others and be a good example)

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Not for having committed crimes)

(The world hates and ridicules Christians all over the world. They falsely accuse us of being bigots because we refuse to acknowledge the perversions of the world)

(The cult religions like Hindus and Muslims also persecute and murder Christians. The atheists and communists ridicule Christians and try to make us irrelevant. It won't work because God is with us)

<sup>11</sup> Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. (For being a Christian; don't worry about what the world thinks)

(This Age will end very soon. The ways of the world are irrelevant in the grand scheme of things)

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. (The prophets had a hard life. They were persecuted by the rulers. These rulers even crucified Jesus. Don't expect to receive good treatment from the world if you're a Christian)

<sup>13</sup> 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. (Be salty – stand for something; stand for God and His Word)

NOTE: (Be a good citizen. Obey the laws of the land; but never let a bad law interfere with your pursuit of a Christian life)

<sup>14</sup> Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. (If asked, share your Christian knowledge. Be an example to others. Don't refuse to help anyone who is trying to learn God's Word. Light destroys the darkness of confusion and ignorance)

(Jesus is the light of the world. A good Christian reflects that light as an example to others)

<sup>15</sup> 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. (The light of truth is symbolic for the knowledge and wisdom that we gain from God's Word)

<sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (Our good works are not done to glorify ourselves. They are done to glorify God in Heaven. That is how we can help others to find God; and be saved, like we are) Revelation-1

<sup>17</sup> Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. (Jesus fulfilled the blood ordinances - of the animal sacrifices. HE became the perfect sacrifice for us, for all time. When we sin, all we have to do is repent and we are back in God's good graces)

(The Law or the Ten Commandments are still in effect and will be for the entire time of this Age)

NOTE: (Some ignorant preachers tell people that the law was done away with. It wasn't. Read the Ten Commandments for yourself. It is obvious to anyone that they are still in effect and must be obeyed. Only the methods of repentance <the blood ordinances> have changed. They were fulfilled by Jesus, for us)

<sup>18</sup> 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. (Jot is the smallest letter of Hebrew alphabet, looks like a comma; tittle is a dot placed over a letter in Hebrew to change the sound of that letter)

(Jesus is saying that He is changing no part of the law <the Ten Commandments>. HE only fulfilled the blood ordinances <the animal sacrifices> on the cross for all time. We celebrate the salvation that Jesus gave us at Passover)

<sup>19</sup> 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. (The commandments will stand

forever. If you break any of them; or tell others to break any of them; then you will be going against God)

<sup>20</sup> 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. (Those self-righteous hypocrites won't make it, unless they repent and change for the better. They corrupted the temple, and they modified the laws of God to fit their agenda. Then, they taught the people to follow them)

<sup>21</sup> Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: (Kill = to commit premeditated murder; a criminal homicide that is planned and executed) (This should read - Thou shall do no murder)

(This is what we call first degree murder – the word kill is a terrible translation. The penalty for murder is death. God demands the same penalty for rape) see Deuteronomy-19:11-13, Deuteronomy-22:25

(God agrees with capital punishment for murder or rape. With capital punishment, there are no repeat offenders. Cain committed premeditated murder when he murdered Abel)

NOTES: (Soldiers defending their country or a legal execution for a murderer or a rapist after a fair trial is not against God's law) see Psalms-144

(Preachers who try to end capital punishment are working against God. Their arrogance and self-righteousness cause more people to become victims of murder and rape by repeat offenders) also see Exodus-21:12-15, Numbers-35

(It is pathetic to see misguided Christians holding candle vigils for a murderer who is about to be lawfully executed. They are siding with the evil one, instead of his or her victims. They pray for the offender and ignore the victims)

<sup>22</sup> But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. (Raca = a vain man – discerning a good from an bad act) (fool = morose – totally hopeless, not worth saving – you would be cursing them to hell)

(The second example would be judging others to death in hell. Only God is qualified to judge anyone to live in heaven or to die in hell)

NOTE: (However discernment is not judging. We have a conscience. We can discern good from evil. Stay away from evil and let God do the judging. In court cases, jury judgment is not judging someone to hell. Don't conflate the two and let murderers go free)

<sup>23</sup> Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

<sup>24</sup> Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. (Your brother is family. Make peace if possible with your brother before you ask God for a blessing. Talk it out and try to make peace. Do not offer to God with anger or hate in your heart for your brother)

<sup>25</sup> Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way 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. (This is for when evil will rule and the antichrist is here. Pick your battles to make them count. We stand against Satan, not his lieutenants. Go for the head of the serpent, not the tail)

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

<sup>27</sup> Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: (Instead, take one woman to wife and stick with her for life - if at all possible. Try to work out your problems before you run to divorce)

(God allows divorce for a spouse who commits adultery or for a spouse who is a drug or alcohol addict)

<sup>28</sup> But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. (Stay away from lust, porn, harlotry and other vices)

<sup>29</sup> And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, 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. (This is talking about a church or a group. If a member <a false prophet or seer> goes rogue, <starts seeing new interpretations of God's Word> throw him

out; in order to save the rest of the congregation. Do not allow false teaching to sneak into a ministry or a church. Get rid of it)

(God does not want us to mutilate our bodies. This verse is just a metaphor; not a literal)

<sup>30</sup> And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, 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. (Same as the previous verse – the right hand is symbolic for doing work; in this case, going rogue by doing work against God's Word. Get rid of them before they mislead others)

<sup>31</sup> It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: (There are some good reasons for a divorce – adultery, alcoholism, drug addiction)

Jeremiah-3:5-11 (God wrote Israel a bill of divorcement because they worshipped false gods. After repeatedly trying to correct Israel to return to Him, He had no choice. There comes a day when it is too late. God sees idolatry the same way that we see adultery)

<sup>32</sup> But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery. (This is about people who marry, divorce, marry, divorce, etc. Repent and ask forgiveness for the divorce and God will forgive you. God does not hold people accountable for the rest of their life if they repent)

<sup>33</sup> 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: (Don't take unnecessary oaths; to God or to anyone else. Don't make promises that you can't keep)

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

<sup>35</sup> Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

<sup>36</sup> Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. (Instead, just do the best you can, and stay away from taking oaths)

<sup>37</sup> But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. (Right is right; wrong is wrong)

(Judging by precedent is against God's law. One foolish judge makes a bad decision and all others are expected to follow. The law of precedent is against God's Word. Right is right and wrong is wrong. Precedent be damned)

(God wants moral correctness, not political correctness)

<sup>38</sup> Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: (Revenge belongs to God. Self defense however is not revenge)

<sup>39</sup> 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. (Jesus is talking to preachers here. If a preacher tries to convert people too quickly and ends up insulting them to the point that they strike him; then he needs to turn the other cheek. He caused their outrage by trying to change their thinking too quickly. A preacher needs to teach at a level that the student can understand and learn)

NOTE: (Ignorant preachers will teach you that if anyone hits a Christian, he should turn the other cheek. That is so wrong. Christians are not second class citizens. Defend yourself and your family from anyone who tries to harm or oppress you or your family)

1Timothy-5:8 (But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel)

(Feed shelter and protect your family against anyone who would do them harm)

<sup>40</sup> And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. (It is sometimes better to settle a dispute peacefully, than to fight a brother in court)

(It could end up costing you more to fight a dispute in court – with the lawyer and court fees. The best advice is to only deal with honest people to avoid legal problems later)

<sup>41</sup> And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. (The Romans used to force conscripts to carry their equipment a mile.

Jesus says carry it two miles - i.e. obey the laws of the land and show that Christians are peaceful citizens)

<sup>42</sup> Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. (If you can help someone without putting your family at risk, then you should do so. That does not include enabling an addict or a deadbeat who doesn't repay his debts)

<sup>43</sup> Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

<sup>44</sup> But I say unto you, Love your enemies, **bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you,** and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; (The blue text was added in the English translation. It's not in the manuscripts)

See Leviticus-19:17-19 (Loving your enemies really means to use tough love on them; so that they might straighten up and change their ways. Spare the rod, spoil the child)

<sup>45</sup> 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. (God treats all people equally. HE gives everyone a chance to repent and change their ways, to do some good. If they don't, that isn't God's fault. Everyone's actions determine his own fate)

<sup>46</sup> For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? (Anyone can love those who love them. A Christian preacher must also go to the sinners. He can use tough love to correct the misguided and those doing evil; while teaching them the Word of God)

<sup>47</sup> And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? (Jesus taught everyone who would listen. The good and the bad deserved to hear His Word; not just the ones who already followed Him)

<sup>48</sup> Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. (perfect = mature – better translation) (Maturity brings common sense. God's Word is common sense)

NOTE: (This chapter was written to the preachers; on how to teach the Word of God to the people. If you choose to be a preacher and make a

living teaching the scriptures; then be prepared to be held accountable to a higher standard than the people. God sends preachers to the sinners, not to the saints)