

# Matthew 5

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## **The Sermon on the Mount**

<sup>1</sup> And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

<sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

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## **The Beatitudes**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

<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.

<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.

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## **Salt and Light**

**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.

**14** Ye are the light of the 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.

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## **Christ Fulfills the Law**

**17** Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

**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.

**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.

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## **Anger and Reconciliation**

**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 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.

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

**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 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.

**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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### **Lust and Adultery**

**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, 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, 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.

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### **Divorce**

**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 to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

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### **Oaths**

**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.

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### **Retaliation**

**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.

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## Love Your Enemies

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

**44** 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;

**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 them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

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

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

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### **Altar** — θυσιαστήριον (Thusiastērion)

Altar

The Greek **thusiastērion** (θυσιαστήριον) denotes an altar for sacrifice. Hebrews 13:10 declares 'We have an altar' from which temple priests cannot eat—referring to Christ's sacrifice outside the camp.

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### **Forgive** — ἀφίημι (Aphiemi)

To send away, forgive, release

The Greek **aphiemi** (ἀφίημι) means to send away or release—canceling a debt or dismissing an offense. Jesus taught us to pray 'forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors' (Matthew 6:12).

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### **God** — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

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**Heaven** — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

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**Judgment** — κρίσις (Krisis)

Judgment, decision

The Greek **krisis** (κρίσις) denotes judgment—evaluation and sentence. All will stand before God's judgment seat (Romans 14:10), and Christ has been appointed Judge of the living and dead (Acts 10:42).

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**Kingdom** — βασιλεία (Basileia)

Kingdom, reign

The Greek **basileia** (βασιλεία) means kingdom—both the realm ruled and the exercise of royal authority. The 'kingdom of God' is central to Jesus' teaching, representing God's saving rule breaking into history.

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**Law** — νόμος (Nomos)

Law

The Greek **nomos** (νόμος) denotes law—particularly the Mosaic law. While believers are not under law but under grace (Romans 6:14), Christ fulfilled the law (Matthew 5:17) and wrote it on believers' hearts (Hebrews 8:10).

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**Lord** — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

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**Love** — ἀγάπη (Agape)

Divine love

The Greek **agape** (ἀγάπη) denotes self-sacrificial, unconditional love—the highest form of love, characterizing God's nature (1 John 4:8) and the love Christians are called to demonstrate.

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**Prophet** — προφήτης (Prophētēs)

Prophet

The Greek **prophētēs** (προφήτης) denotes a prophet—one who speaks forth God's message. Jesus was recognized as 'a prophet mighty in deed and word' (Luke 24:19), fulfilling and surpassing the prophetic office.

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**Righteous** — δίκαιος (Dikaios)

Righteous, just

The Greek **dikaios** (δίκαιος) means righteous or just—conforming to God's standard. Christ's righteousness is imputed to believers through faith (Romans 4:5), making them legally righteous before God.

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**Spirit** — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

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## CROSS REFERENCES

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**Matthew 5:1** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 4:25; 13:2; 15:29; Mark 3:13; 3:20; 4:1

**Matthew 5:2** **Parallel theme:** Acts 8:35; 10:34

**Matthew 5:3** **Spirit:** Psalms 34:18; 51:17; Proverbs 16:19; 29:23; Isaiah 57:15; 61:1; 66:2.

**Parallel theme:** 2 Chronicles 7:14; Luke 18:14. **Kingdom:** James 2:5

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**Parallel theme:** Isaiah 25:8; 30:19; 35:10; 57:18; 66:10; Ezekiel 9:4; Luke 16:25; Revelation 21:4.

**Blessing:** Luke 6:21; James 1:12

**Matthew 5:5** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 11:29; Numbers 12:3; Psalms 25:9; 37:11; 149:4;

Isaiah 29:19; Galatians 5:23; Colossians 3:12; James 1:21; 3:13

### Matthew 5:6

**Parallel theme:** Psalms 107:9; 145:19; Isaiah 65:13; Luke 1:53; John 4:14; 6:27; 7:37; Revelation 7:16. **Blessing:** Isaiah 44:3; Luke 6:21

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3:17. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 19:17; Luke 6:35; Colossians 3:12; Hebrews 6:10

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**Parallel theme:** Psalms 15:2; 24:4; Proverbs 22:11; Titus 1:15; Hebrews 10:22; 12:14; James 3:17; 1 Peter 1:22. **References God:** Psalms 51:10; James 4:8

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Hebrews 12:14. **References God:** Romans 8:14. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 5:48; Psalms 34:12; Luke 6:35; Colossians 3:13

**Matthew 5:10** **Blessing:** Luke 6:22; James 1:12. **Parallel theme:** John 15:20; 2 Corinthians

4:17; Philippians 1:28; 2 Timothy 3:11; Revelation 2:10. **Kingdom:** Matthew 5:3; Luke 21:12; 2 Timothy 2:12

**Matthew 5:11** **Evil:** Luke 6:22; 1 Peter 2:23; 4:14. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 10:22; 10:39;

24:9; Isaiah 66:5; Mark 13:13; Luke 21:17; John 15:21

## **Matthew 5:12**

**Prophecy:** 2 Chronicles 36:16; Luke 6:23. **Parallel theme:** Ruth 2:12; Psalms 58:11; Isaiah 3:10; Romans 5:3; Colossians 1:24; 3:24; James 1:2; 1 Peter 4:13

**Matthew 5:13** **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 2:13; Colossians 4:6

**Matthew 5:14** **Light:** Proverbs 4:18; John 5:35; 8:12; 12:36; 2 Corinthians 6:14; Philippians 2:15; 1 Thessalonians 5:5

**Matthew 5:15** **Parallel theme:** Mark 4:21. **Light:** Exodus 25:37; Numbers 8:2; Luke 8:16; 11:33

## **Matthew 5:16**

**Good:** 1 Timothy 6:18; Titus 2:7; 3:14; 1 Peter 2:12; 3:16. **Parallel theme:** John 15:8; 1 Peter 4:14. **Light:** Isaiah 58:8; Ephesians 5:8; 1 Peter 2:9

**Matthew 5:17** **Word:** Matthew 7:12; Isaiah 42:21; Luke 16:17; Romans 3:31; 8:4; 10:4. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 3:15

**Matthew 5:18** **Word:** Isaiah 40:8; Luke 16:17; 1 Peter 1:25. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 102:26; Isaiah 51:6; Mark 13:30

## **Matthew 5:19**

**Parallel theme:** Matthew 28:20; Deuteronomy 12:32; Psalms 119:128; Daniel 12:3; Romans 6:1; Titus 3:8; Revelation 2:20. **Kingdom:** Matthew 11:11. **Word:** Psalms 119:6; Romans 6:15

## **Matthew 5:20**

**Righteousness:** Philippians 3:9. **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 5:17; Hebrews 12:14; Revelation 21:27. **Kingdom:** Matthew 7:21

**Matthew 5:21** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 5:27; 5:33; 5:38; 5:43; Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17. **Judgment:** Numbers 35:12

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**Matthew 5:23** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 8:4; Mark 11:25; Luke 19:8. **Sacrifice:** Matthew 5:24; 23:19; 1 Samuel 15:22; Hosea 6:6

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**Matthew 5:25** **Parallel theme:** Job 22:21; Psalms 32:6; Proverbs 25:8; 2 Corinthians 6:2; Hebrews 3:7; 3:13; 12:17

**Matthew 5:26** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 18:34; Luke 12:59

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**Matthew 5:38** **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 19:19; 19:21

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**Matthew 5:40** **Parallel theme:** Luke 6:29. **Word:** 1 Corinthians 6:7

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**Parallel theme:** Psalms 37:21; Proverbs 19:17; Ecclesiastes 11:6; Daniel 4:27; Romans 12:20; Hebrews 13:16

**Matthew 5:43** **Love:** Matthew 19:19; Leviticus 19:18; James 2:8. **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 23:6; Psalms 41:10

**Matthew 5:44** **Blessing:** Romans 12:14; 1 Peter 3:9. **Parallel theme:** 2 Kings 6:22; Psalms 7:4; Luke 23:34; Acts 7:60; 1 Peter 2:23

**Matthew 5:45** **Good:** Psalms 145:9; Acts 14:17. **Evil:** Luke 6:35. **Resurrection:** Job 25:3. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 5:9; Ephesians 5:1

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