

# Notes on The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)

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## Beatitudes

The Beatitudes have eight blessings with promises. The first and last blessings are already received by kingdom people. The other six blessings await a future day when the kingdom of God is fully consummated. However, though there is a definite day of consummation on the return of Christ, all of these "blessings" are already being enjoyed by believers in this ("already but not yet").

Verse	Blessing	Promise	Present/ Future?	OT Reference
3	Blessed are the poor in spirit	for theirs is the kingdom of heaven	Present	Isa 61:1
4	Blessed are those who mourn	for they shall be comforted	Future	Isa 61:2, 3
5	Blessed are the meek	for they shall inherit the earth	Future	Psa 37:11
6	Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness	for they shall be satisfied	Future	Psa 42:2; Isa 55:1, 2
7	Blessed are the merciful	for they shall receive mercy	Future	Deut 15:7-10
8	Blessed are the pure in heart	for they shall see God	Future	Psa 24:4
9	Blessed are the peacemakers	for they shall be called sons of God	Future	Isa 52:7; Psa 34:14
10	Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake	for theirs is the kingdom of heaven	Present	1 Kgs 19:10

## 5:17: Christ came to fulfill the law

Jesus introduces his sermon with this declaration: He came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets (whole OT). Read Luke 24: 27, 44; Rom 3:31. Where Adam failed, Jesus triumphed (Rom 5:17-19).

## 5:21-48: "You have heard that it was said... But I say to you"

verses 21, 27, 33, 38, 43. Jesus corrects the faulty interpretations of the OT that were common during his time.

### These are not true:

- The OT is wrong or insufficient.
- Jesus is making the law more strict.
- The OT is all about external acts, while the NT is all about the heart (Deu 30:6; Psa 103:1; Joel 2:13).

Verse	Jesus' Teaching	OT Teaching
21	anger and hate = murder	Prv 6:12-15 (those who hate will be judged)
27	Lust = adultery in the heart	Job 31:1; Prv 6:25 (lusting after other women is sinful)
31	no divorce, except for adultery	Deu 24:1; Jer 3:8 (God "divorced" Israel for "adultery")
33	fulfilling oaths	Num 30:2 (all who make vows are bound to fulfill them)
38	no retaliation	Deu 19:20-21 (this is civil, not personal law)
43	loving your enemies	Lev 19:18; Exo 23:4-5 (even enemies are to be respected)