



SERMON NOTES

WALKING AMONG THE DEAD - PART II

A Study of Matthew 5

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John 8:44a (NLT)

“For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does...”

Matthew 5:1-8 (NIV)

1 Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them, saying: 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

The 20th-century missionary, E. Stanley Jones, observed that you could really divide these nine Beatitudes into three sets of three, with each set of three Beatitudes following the same pattern:

Thesis: a proposition stated or put forward for consideration, especially one to be discussed and proved: **God is love!**

Antithesis: the direct opposite in contrast to: love is the antithesis of selfishness.

Synthesis: combination or composition, of the parts.

SECOND SET OF THREE

THESIS

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they will be filled.” (v. 6)

Psalm 107:9 (NLT) “For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV) “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

AS JESUS PEOPLE, WE DO WHAT IS RIGHT, NOT WHAT IS EASY.

As Jesus people we don’t shack-up or cohabit. We honor marriage.

Hebrews 13:4 (NKJV) “Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.”

As Jesus people we don't give into sinful pleasures. We do the right thing and follow after holiness.

1 Peter 4:3 (GW) "You spent enough time in the past doing what unbelievers like to do. You were promiscuous, had sinful desires, got drunk, went to wild parties, and took part in the forbidden worship of false gods."

If you find out you have an unplanned pregnancy, you do the right thing.

Psalms 139:13-14 (NLT) "You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it."

If you owe someone money, you do the right thing you pay your debts.

Romans 13:7 (MSG) "Fulfill your obligations as a citizen. Pay your taxes, pay your bills, respect your leaders."

If you have missed the mark, you don't keep running from God, you turn to God.

Isaiah 1:18 (NLT) "Come now, let's settle this," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool."

"God humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna ... He did this to help you realize that real life comes by obeying every command of God." Deut 8:3 (LB)

ANTITHESIS

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy" (v. 7)

SYNTHESIS

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." (v. 8)

Matthew 5:8 (Msg) "You're blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world."

Job 42:5 (NLT) "I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes."