

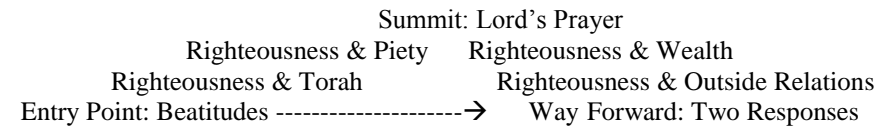
SERMON ON THE MOUNT

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Summing Up: Being and Doing, Matthew 7:13-27

I. Pyramid of Sermon on the Mount (adapted from Pennington)



II. Earlier in Chapter 7:

a. Judging

b. Asking

c. Doing

III. Being and Doing

a. False Prophets

i. Wolves in Sheep's Clothing

ii. Recognized by their Fruit

b. Entry into the Kingdom of Heaven – Those who say “Lord, Lord?”

IV. Build Your House on the Rock

a. Wind and Flood

b. One stood firm

c. Great was the fall of the other.

V. Notes from Eberhard Arnold:

Though generally known to Christians, the Sermon on the Mount has remained completely unrecognized by them. Yet in the Sermon on the Mount Jesus characterizes the inner life which alone can bring about a true social life among men – the life of God’s future state. The Sermon on the Mount is the secret of God’s kingdom, and as such can only be revealed in God himself. We can hope for and take hold of the future kingdom only in communion with God. The prayer in this “sermon” is therefore the Lord’s Prayer.... It is incredible dishonesty in the human heart to pray daily that this kingdom should come, that God’s will be done on earth as in heaven, and at the same time to deny that Jesus wants this kingdom to be put into practice on earth.

(Arnold, Eberhart, Salt and Light, p. 136-137.)

VI. Notes for Inductive Study Approach:

1. See things whole—get a bird’s eye view, before a worm’s eye view.
2. Questions: Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?
3. Comparisons or Contrasts
4. Recurrence/repetition
5. General and Particular
6. Interrogations
7. Conclusion and/or Climax

A Tree and Its Fruit

15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. 18 A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

I Never Knew You

21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

Build Your House on the Rock

24 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

The Authority of Jesus

28 And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, 29 for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.