



The Sermon on the Plain

Luke 6:17-49

Sermon Study Notes

In Luke, topography has theology. The One who invented history has now invaded history.

Jesus comes down to deliver and disciple the people.

The Sermon on the Plain is not the Sermon on the Mount. They have similar propositions, but a different purpose.

The Sermon on the Mount is about righteousness. The Sermon on the Plain is about response.

It's about responding to God's attributes, God's ambition, God's activity, and God's ability.

"Watch to see where God is working and join Him in His work." - *Henry Blackaby*

I. The Kingdom presents unusual conclusions. (6:20-26) **Takeaway:** I must be discerning of my condition, not deceived by my circumstances.

A. There are blessings for the obedient.

"To suppose that whatever God requireth of us that we have power of ourselves to do, is to make the cross and grace of Jesus Christ of none effect." - *John Owen*

B. There are barriers for the obstinate.

II. The Kingdom promotes unusual conduct. (6:27-36) **Takeaway:** I must live out Kingdom values.

A. It enables radical love.

We value praise; Jesus is telling us to value people.

"We can't count on a secular society being grateful, but our concern is not the world's gratitude but rather the fact that we're faithful to the commands of Christ." - *Albert Mohler*

We value possessions; Jesus is telling us to value people.

B. It emboldens relational kindness.

C. It emulates redeeming mercy.

III. The Kingdom provides unusual confines. (6:37-42) **Takeaway:** I must offer Kingdom grace.

A. It stipulates a single standard.

B. It presents a predictable promise.

C. It commands a clear conscience.

IV. The Kingdom produces unusual consistency. (6:43-45) **Takeaway:** I must fill my heart with what I want to produce.

A. It reveals hidden corruption.

B. It reveals honest confession.

V. The Kingdom propagates unusual confidence. (6:46-49) **Takeaway:** I must do what Jesus says.

A. An avowed faith will encounter testing.

B. An artificial faith will end tragically.

C. An authentic faith will emerge triumphant.