



The Lord Adds ...

Those Who

LOVE THE WORD

Matthew 5-7

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Some say ...

- ➔ We need sermons that are **Positive and Upbeat.**
- ➔ Sermons that make people **Feel Good** about themselves.
- ➔ Sermons that do not make people **Feel Guilty or Condemned.**
- ➔ **More Illustrations, Stories, and Humor!**
- ➔ **Short!**



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**Many want sermons that are SMOOTH, EASY,
and NOT TOO DIRECT ...**

Isaiah 30:8-10 ... Now go, write it before them on a tablet, And note it on a scroll, That it may be for time to come, Forever and ever: **9** That this is a rebellious people, Lying children, Children who will not hear the law of the LORD; **10** Who say to the seers, "**Do not see,**" And to the prophets, "**Do not prophesy to us right things; Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits.**"

**Others want a sermon that does not
make them or others UNEASY ...**

Jeremiah 5:30-31 ... "An astonishing and horrible thing Has been committed in the land: **31** The prophets prophesy falsely, And the priests rule by their own power; **And My people love to have it so.** But what will you do in the end?"



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Some think success is measured in **NUMBERS**, but it is God who gives the **INCREASE ...**

I Corinthians 3:6-7 ... I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. **7** So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.

Many focus attention on what **PLEASES THE CROWD**, but **PLEASING GOD** is what counts ...

I Thessalonians 2:4 ... But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, **not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts.**

Today many focus on **ENTERTAINMENT**, but the honest heart **SEEKS TRUTH ...**

Luke 8:15 ... "But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, **having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.**



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- ④ To see the **KIND OF PREACHING** that is **NEEDED**, we want to look at what many have viewed as one of the **GREATEST GOSPEL SERMONS**.
- ⑤ The **SERMON** has been titled by many as ...



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Matthew 5-7

P **Should Teach Us What We** **R** **Ought To Be** **E** **A** **C** **H** **I** **N** **G**

① Christian's are taught to **HUNGER** and **THIRST** after **RIGHTEOUSNESS** ...

Matthew 5:6 ... Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

② Christian's are to be the **SALT** of the **EARTH** ...

Matthew 5:13 ... "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

③ Christians are taught **not to shine their lights, but to let their LIGHTS SHINE** ...

- **Faithful in our ATTENDANCE, people see it!**
- **Put Christ FIRST and SET OUR AFFECTIONS on things above!**
- **LIVING PURE LIVES, that others may see the TRUTH ...**

Matthew 5:14-16 ... "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ "Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P **S**hould Bring to Light the **R** **F**alse Doctrines of Men **E** **A** **C** **H** **I** **N** **G**

① Jesus **EXPOSED RELIGIOUS SECTS**, so people could understand and not be deceived ...

Matthew 5:20 ... "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

② Jesus made it plain, that there was **NO EXCUSE FOR PERVERTING** the truth ...

Matthew 15:7-9 ... "**Hypocrites!** Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: ⁸ 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. ⁹ **And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.**"

③ Jesus made it plain, **WHO** He was speaking about and **WHAT** the sin was ...

Matthew 23:29-33 ... "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, ³⁰ "and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.' ³¹ "Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. ³² "Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' guilt. ³³ "**Serpents, brood of vipers!** How can you escape the condemnation of hell?"

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① **HATRED** (This is what caused them to nail Jesus to the Cross) ...

Matthew 5:23-24 ... "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, **and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24** "leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. **First be reconciled to your brother,** and then come and offer your gift."

② **LUST** (The immodest dress, language, and indecent entertainment all contribute to this) ...

Matthew 5:27-28 ... "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' **28 "But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her** has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

③ **ADULTERY** (It is getting so common today that many think it's lawful) ...

Matthew 5:31-32 ... "Furthermore it has been said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' **32 "But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery."**

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④ **SWEARING** (Breaking promises and using God's name in an irreverent way) ...

Matthew 5:33-37 ... "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.' **34 "But I say to you, do not swear at all:** neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; **35** "nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. **36** "Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. **37 "But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one."**

⑤ **VENGEANCE** (This is something that Jesus did not do and neither should we) ...

Matthew 5:38-39 ... "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' **39 "But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also."**

⑥ **HYPOCRISY** (This is when you are not yourself, except on Sunday) ...

Matthew 6:1 ... "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, **to be seen by them.** Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven."

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7 FORGIVENESS (If we do not forgive others God will not forgive us) ...

Matthew 6:14-15 ... "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. **15 "But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.**

8 MATERIALISM (There has never been a society where this threat has been greater) ...

Matthew 6:24 ... "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. **You cannot serve God and mammon.**

9 JUDGING (Doing what you condemn others for) ...

Matthew 7:1-5 ... "Judge not, that you be not judged. **2 "For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. 3 "And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? 4 "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? 5 "Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.**

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1 Christians are taught that **SALVATION** lays on the **STRAIT** and **NARROW WAY** ...

Matthew 7:13-14 ... "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. **14** "Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."

2 Jesus promised that He would build **HIS CHURCH** ...

Matthew 16:18 ... "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build My church**, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

3 Paul taught that there was only **ONE BODY** and that it was the **CHURCH** ...

Ephesians 1:22-23 ... "And He put all things under His feet, and gave **Him to be head over all things; to the church, 23 which is His body**, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."

Ephesians 4:4-6 ... "There is **one body** and **one Spirit**, just as you were called in **one hope** of your calling; **5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God** and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

Ephesians 5:23 ... "For the husband is head of the wife, **as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.**"

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The **SUMMATION** of New Testament teaching reveals the **PLAN OF SALVATION** ...

HEAR

Romans 10:17 ... "So then faith comes by **hearing**, and hearing by the word of God."

BELIEVE

John 8:24 ... "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not **believe** that I am He, you will die in your sins."

REPENT

Luke 13:3 ... "I tell you, no; but unless you **repent** you will all likewise perish."

CONFESS

Acts 8:37 ... "Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "**I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**"

BAPTISM

Acts 2:38 ... "Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be **baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

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Matthew 7:24-27 ... "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock; **25** "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; **and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.** **26** "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: **27** "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; **and it fell. And great was its fall."**

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What are YOU going to DO now that YOU have heard the TRUTH?