

# SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Matthew 5-7

# THE KINGDOM:

- ▶ Character of the “Blessed”
- ▶ Influence of the light/salt
- ▶ Be holy; in alms, prayer, fasting
- ▶ 2 ways of “life” - treasure, vision, worth (masters), pre-occupations

# If we are in the Kingdom...

1. **Father KNOWS** your needs 28, 32
2. **God is about more, much more**
3. **We are MORE** than animals
4. **God cares about our bodies w/o our worry, which just shortens life!**

# Instead of anxious...LOOK!

- **Birds – Consider, watch learn**
- **Plants are given beauty and care**
- **Does our Heavenly Father watch us?**
- **To “worry” = irreverent, irrelevant, irresponsible**
- **So is this “free-loader” permission?**

# What it does not mean...

- Not exempt from our part - 2Th 3:10
  - Birds work, plants synthesize
- Not exempt for the care of needy
  - Widows, orphans, Acts 6; 1Ti 5:3-16
- Not exempt from experiencing troubles or need John 16:33

# Tomorrow... vs 34..

- The worries we never face...
- Seek first the Kingdom and Right-ness
  - Back to the Beatitudes and Prayer
  - If we surrender our ambition to Jesus...
  - All other things find their place
  - There can be only one choice... Jesus

# So what IS the focus?

- ▶ **Seek – zeteo – pres. act. imp.**
  - ▶ To seek after, strive, aim
- ▶ ***protos* –to give first place, rank, honor**
- ▶ **HIS Kingdom!**
- ▶ **Not “ethical comments”, citizenship, obedience, duty before food/clothes~**

# Comparison

- ▶ **Serving yourself will never end or bring satisfaction/peace**
- ▶ **Serving His Kingdom: 8 blessings, plus constant care and eternal fruit**
- ▶ **Our influence (salt/light) depend on this**



# What a change!

- ▶ **If we live in His Kingdom:**
  - ▶ **Lifestyle, priorities, family, finances, relationships, bank balances, taxes, entertainment, expectations**
  - ▶ **But it does not end there...**

# Free in Christ

- ▶ **His righteousness! Holy Rule**
  - ▶ What effect does this have...
  - ▶ His acts/life given to us for our advantage/privilege
  - ▶ Guilt, failure, obsessions, striving, earning love, proving ourselves

**Coming next:**

▶ **Relationships!**

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