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- 1. Introduction
- 2. Preliminaries
 - ▶ a. Location and Relation to Luke 6
 - ▶ b. Function of Sermon on Mount in Matthew
- The Christian and the Kingdom of Heaven
 - Just what is the Kingdom of Heaven, anyway?

Beatitudes:

Changing our way of thinking
Kingdom characteristics

- ▶ 1. The Blessings of the Kingdom – for the needy
- ▶ 2. The Blessings of the Kingdom – for the merciful
- ▶ 3. The Blessings of the Kingdom – for the persecuted

Salt and Light

- 1. Salt preserves
 - and *sanctifies*.
- 2. Light makes visible
 - and *dispels darkness*.

The Christian and the Law

or Torah and Discipleship

- ▶ 1. Jesus fulfills the Torah (teaching) and the Prophets
 - (a) What "fulfill" means
 - Jesus as the himself the Torah for the new age
 - (b) Law considered as prophetic
 - (c) Righteousness exceeding that of Scribes & Pharisees
- ▶ 2. True Torah vs. casuistry.

The Christian and the Law (cont.)

3. The “Antitheses”

- (a) Murder
- (b) Adultery
- (c) Divorce
- (d) Oaths
- (e) Justice
- (f) Love (of Enemies!)

The Christian and Piety

- ▶ 1. Piety: genuineness in alms/prayer/fasting
 - (a) All three done secretly;
 - (b) All three done sensibly;
 - (c) Prayer and forgiveness go together.
- ▶ 2. The "Lords Prayer"
 - (a) Prayers for the coming of the Kingdom
 - (b) Prayers for life on earth
 - Material, Social, Moral

The Christian and Life on Earth

- ▶ 1. Expansion of first petition of human needs:
material needs:
 - (a) Treasure in heaven
 - (b) Soundness of eye - being able to see what is important.
 - (c) God & mammon

Christian and Life on Earth (part 2)

2. Expansion of second petition of human needs: social needs:

- (a) Do not judge, but do judge carefully /
- (b) ask, because God is not worse than men /
- (c) Golden rule.

Christian and Life on Earth (part 3)

3. Expansion of third petition of human needs: moral needs:

- (a) Two ways – narrow vs. wide gate (~Cebes' tablet)
- (b) Two trees – Fruit as indicator
 - [prob. of false prophets]
- (c) Two foundations.

Summary:

Discipleship means looking like Jesus

- Kingdom of God turns things upside down
- Jesus is himself the embodiment of the Kingdom
- People of God are restored *disciples* (obedient)
- Disciples also must embody the Kingdom, in
 - ▶ Prayer life
 - ▶ Material stewardship
 - ▶ Relationship to others
 - ▶ In choosing God's way