

Overview of The Sermon on the Mount:

The Kingdom and Character of God

The Heart of a Disciple of Jesus

Chapter 5: God as **RIGHTEOUS**

Chapter 6: God as **HEAVENLY FATHER**

Chapter 7: God as **JUDGE**

Chapter 5: God as **RIGHTEOUS**

1-12: Beatitudes: changed character & blessing of His disciples

13-16: Salt & light: how those distinctives affect the world

17-20: Contrast & Continuity: His teaching the same as the OT;
utter contrast to Pharisees

21-47: Six examples of that:

Murder – Adultery – Divorce – Oaths – Vengeance – Love

48: You called to be like this perfect God

Who is your heavenly Father →

Chapter 6: God as **HEAVENLY FATHER**

Two ways to tell if you are conscious of living in His Presence and
trusting Him:

1-18: Whose FAVOR you seek:

3 examples: Giving – Praying – Fasting

19-34: What TREASURES you seek:

2 kinds of bondage: Acquisition – Anxiety

Chapter 7: God as **JUDGE**

1-12: Affects 4 feelings you may have after hearing chapters 5 & 6:

The danger when you hear these things is to still try to establish your own righteousness. That will lead to 4 feelings:

1-5: feel superior by Law → judge everyone

6: feel superior by "Love" → judge no one

7-11: feel hopeless; need enlarge confidence in the Father

12: feel confused; simplified summary

13-27: Compels 4 final warnings given in terms of 4 contrasts:

13-14: 2 gates & roads: wide & narrow

15-20: 2 kinds of fruit: good & bad

21-23: 2 displays of "faith": simple obedience & flashy miracles

24-27: 2 foundations: rock & sand

Be very careful to know where you are! You will one Day stand before the Judge!

But see also the blessings here of those who *obey* and *follow* Jesus