

Sermon on the Mount I

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MATTHEW	KING	KINGDOM	LAW
MARK	SERVANT	CITIZENS	TERRITORY
LUKE	MAN	WORLD	HEAD
JOHN	DEITY	CHURCH	APOSTLES
HEAVEN	SON	MEMBERS	FIELD
GOSPEL	PURPOSE	DOMINION	DOCTRINE

The Psalmist Said

Kiss the son, lest he be angry, and ye perish in the way, For his wrath will soon be kindled. Blessed are all they that take refuge in him (2:12).

Blessed are they that keep justice, And he that doeth righteousness at all times (106:3).

Blessed are they that are perfect in the way, Who walk in the law of Jehovah

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, That seek him with the whole heart.

Yea, they do no unrighteousness; They walk in his ways (119:1-3).

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Welcome

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

If you desire to have a private Bible Study at your convenience, let us know.

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Family Decline

Several years ago I was reminiscing about my experience, and lack of proficiency of “reading.” Subjects kept arising concerning the “Classics.” Why do I not have a recall of having every read, or be exposed to the writings? Thus, I called a classmate, a teacher at the time, and asked the question, “Were we ever exposed to the classics. To which, the reply was, No.” The only book I recall being mandatory reading was Brave New World. I do not recall the grade, but have often wondered, why was such a reading mandatory? In a brief explanation of, Brave New World, and what it was selling:

“Family and its language are obsolete concepts.”

“There is no stronger bond than family, and family is a major factor in self-identification. And what better way to eliminate family than to make it a dirty word?”

“So, in Brave New World, we see a reversal from what we know today. People are raised to think of the language of sexual promiscuity is normal and expected and accepted, while the language of the family is obscene. (Cont. Pg. 2)

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“This manipulation of the language is just another way that the World State controls citizens and maintains stability” (CliffsNotes).

As in Brave New World, Aldous Huxley illustrates the destruction of the idea of family in this ‘perfect world’. People in the world today have the ability to express love and obtain a family. Huxley explores the futuristic outlook on a world (in many ways similar to ours) that would not allow such humanistic traits (Bartleby Research).

Similarly, The Five Reasons for the Collapse of the Roman Empire by British Historian Edward Gibbon (1737-1794) are of interest:

First: The rapid increase of divorce, with the undermining of the sanctity of the home, which is the basis of society.

(#2-4 of no value in this consideration)

Fifth: The decay of religion; faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life, and becoming impotent to guide it (Gibbon).

Years ago, I came across an article related to the rise and decline of nations:

“British anthropologist John D. Unwin 1835-1936) conducted an in-depth study of eighty civilizations that have come and gone over a period of some four thousand years. He discovered that a common thread ran through all of them. In each instance, they started out with a conservative mind-set with strong moral values and a heavy emphasis on family. Over a period of time, the conservative mind-set became more and more liberal, moral values declined, and the family suffered. In each instance, as the family deteriorated, the civilization itself started to come apart; and in all eighty cases the fall of the Nation was related to the fall of the family. In most cases, that civilization fell within one generation of the fall of the family unit.” ret

Consider the following as it relates to the past and present:

Planned Parenthood: [Virginity Outdated](#)

Lonely America: [More Americans Are Living Alone Than Ever Before](#)

Articles can be accessed on <http://www.jonescoc.org/bulletin-articles-2023.html>

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Matt. 5:1—8:1

I. The Gospels:

- A. Matthew - The Lord is presented as Jehovah's ideal King (Jer. 23:5-6).
- B. Mark - The Lord is presented as Jehovah's ideal servant (Isa. 42:1); Matt. 12:18.
- C. Luke - The Lord is presented as Jehovah's ideal man (Zech. 6:12).
- D. John - Presents Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God.

II. Kingdom Requires:

- A. King:
 - 1. Jn. 18:36 - My kingdom not of this world.
 - 2. Dan. 7:13-14 - Given dominion
 - 3. Col. 1:18 - Christ head of the church
 - 4. Col. 1:13 - King of the kingdom
- B. Law:
 - 1. Gal. 6:2 - Law of Christ
 - 2. Acts 2:42 - Doctrine of the apostles.
 - 3. Lk. 10:16 - Apostles
 - 4. Col. 1:13-14, 16 - Law of the kingdom
- C. Citizens:
 - 1. Eph. 2:19 - Citizens
 - 2. 1 Cor. 12:27 - Members of the church
 - 3. Eph. 2:19 - Subjects of the kingdom
- D. Territory:
 - 1. Matt. 13:37-43 - Field is the world
 - 2. Eph. 1:20-21 - In this world
 - 3. Phil. 3:20 - Citizenship
 - 4. 1 Thess. 1:8 - Whole world
 - 5. Rev. 5:8-9 - Whole world