

The gospel according to **MATTHEW**

[5 : 3]

Part 11 B

Key Word – Contrast

Key Verse

“Do not be like them...” 6:8a

[God’s people are to be radically different]

Outline of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount

Attributes of God’s People

1. Their character (5:3-12)
2. Their influence (5:13-16)
3. Their way of life /How they treat people
4. Their disciplines/How they worship (5:17-48)
5. Their ambition (6:1-18)
6. A follower & various things (7:1-28)

The Beatitudes are the inner heart’s condition of those who truly

know God,
They have seen God’s holiness,
His awesomeness...His moral

perfections
In light of that, they immediately become aware of their true heart’s condition, and say things like:

“O wretched man that I am!” - Paul

“Woe is me, I am lost!” - Isaiah

“Depart from me Lord, for I am a wicked man!” - Peter

“Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!” -
John Newton

ILLUSTRATION 2

LUTHER’S ANFECHTUNG

“Who am I that I should lift up mine eye or raise my hands to the divine Majesty?

The angels surround Him. At His nod, the earth trembles. And shall I, a miserable little pygmy say, ‘I want this, I ask for that?’ I am dust and ashes and full of sin and I am speaking to the living, eternal and the true God.”

ILLUSTRATION 2**LUTHER'S ANFECHTUNG**

It is the dread of seeing your true
wretchedness in light of a perfect
and thrice Holy God.

ILLUSTRATION 3A**ROBERT MURRAY M'CHEYNE**

Jehovah Tsidkenu

I once was a stranger
to grace and to God,
I knew not my danger,
and felt not my load;
Though friends spoke in rapture of
Christ on the tree,
Jehovah Tsidkenu was nothing to
me.

ILLUSTRATION 3B**ROBERT MURRAY M'CHEYNE**

Jehovah Tsidkenu

I oft read with pleasure,
to soothe or engage,
Isaiah's wild measure and
John's simple page;
But e'en when they pictured
the blood-sprinkled tree
Jehovah Tsidkenu seem'd
nothing to me.

ILLUSTRATION 3C**ROBERT MURRAY M'CHEYNE**

Jehovah Tsidkenu

Like tears from the daughters
of Zion that roll,
I wept when the waters
went over His soul;
Yet thought not that my sins
had nail'd to the tree
Jehovah Tsidkenu - 'twas nothing to
me.

ILLUSTRATION 3D**ROBERT MURRAY M'CHEYNE**

Jehovah Tsidkenu

When free grace awoke me,
by light from on high,
Then legal fears shook me,
I trembled to die;
No refuge, no safety in self
could I see, -
Jehovah Tsidkenu
my Savior must be.

MATTHEW 16 : 13 - 17

Now when Jesus came into the district
of Caesarea Philippi, He asked his
disciples, "Who do people say that the
Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some
say John the Baptist, others say Elijah,
and others Jeremiah or one of the
prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who
do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter
replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of
the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered
him, "*Blessed are you, Simon Bar-*
Jonah! For flesh and blood has not
revealed this to you, but My Father who

MATTHEW 5 : 3b & 4b

...for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

...for they shall be comforted.

ILLUSTRATION 3E**ROBERT MURRAY M'CHEYNE**

Jehovah Tsidkenu

My terrors all vanished
before the sweet name;

My guilty fears banished,
with boldness I came

To drink at the fountain,
life-giving and free, -

Jehovah Tsidkenu
is all things to me.



**Do you want real,
true & deep
abiding joy from
the true & living
God?**

**Or do you want to
settle for
superficial,
temporary
happiness?**

1 PETER 1 : 8 - 9

⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

ILLUSTRATION 3F**ROBERT MURRAY M'CHEYNE**

Jehovah Tsidkenu

Jehovah Tsidkenu!

My treasure and boast,
Jehovah Tsidkenu!

I ne'er can be lost;
In thee I shall conquer
by flood and by field,

My cable, my anchor,
my breast-plate and
shield!

ILLUSTRATION 4**AMAZING GRACE**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

ILLUSTRATION 4

AT CALVARY

By God's Word at last my sin I learned;
Then I trembled at the law I'd
spurned,
Till my guilty soul imploring turned
to Calvary.

*Mercy there was great, and grace was
free;
Pardon there was multiplied to me;
There my burdened soul found liberty at
Calvary.*



**People are settling
for a lower,
superficial form of
joy & happiness...
rather than trusting
in the deep, abiding
lasting joy that
anchors – seen in the
soul of the true
believer.**

ROMANS 8 : 1

There is therefore now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.

ROMANS 8 : 31 - 32

What then shall we say to these things?
If God is for us, who can be against us?
³² He who did not spare his own Son but
gave him up for us all, how will he not
also with him graciously give us all
things?



**People today in
America are looking
for love in all the
wrong places:
experience
special blessing
etc...
rather than the Christ
that God did not
spare for us!**

ILLUSTRATION 6

PAUL

ROMANS 7 : 7 - 9

What then shall we say? That the law is
sin? By no means! *Yet if it had not been
for the law, I would not have known sin. I
would not have known what it is to covet
if the law had not said, "You shall not
covet."*⁸ But sin, seizing an opportunity
through the commandment, produced in
me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from
the law,
sin lies dead



**Get to know the Law
of God.
It is like a powerful
generator to get you
to see your need for
Jesus!**

ILLUSTRATION 7
SATAN GETS THROWN FROM HEAVEN

EZEKIEL 28 : 17

¹⁷ Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you.

ILLUSTRATION 8

PSALM 34 : 18

The LORD is near to the *brokenhearted* and saves the *crushed in spirit*.

PSALM 51 : 17

The sacrifices of God are a *broken spirit*; a *broken and contrite heart*, O God, You will not despise.

PSALM 147 : 3

He heals the *brokenhearted* and binds up their wounds.

ILLUSTRATION 8

ISAIAH 61 : 1

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the *poor*; He has sent me to bind up the *brokenhearted*, to proclaim liberty to the *captives*, and the opening of the prison to those who are *bound*...

ILLUSTRATION 9

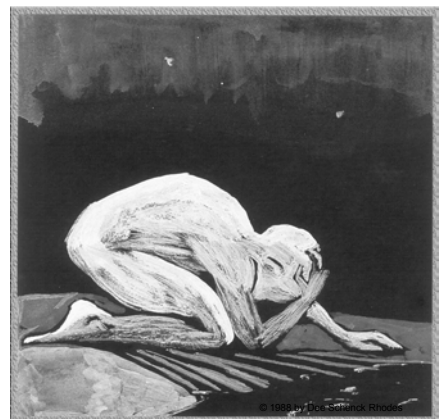
PSALM 40 : 1 - 5

I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry.
² He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
 Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

ILLUSTRATION 10

DEUTERONOMY 8 : 2

And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that *He might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart*, whether you would keep His commandments or not.



Proverbs 6 : 16-19	Matthew 5 : 1-11
THINGS THE LORD HATES	ATTITUDES THE LORD BLESSES
...Proud look	...poor in spirit
...Lying tongue	...those who mourn
...Hands that shed blood	...the meek
...heart that devises evil	...hunger & thirst
...feet that run to Evil	...the merciful

Proverbs 6 : 16-19	Matthew 5 : 1-11
THINGS THE LORD HATES	ATTITUDES THE LORD BLESSES
...False witness	...pure in heart
...sowing discord	...the peacemakers

JESUS' VALUES	COUNTERVALUES
BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO...	BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE...
...are poor in spirit [v.3]	self-confident competent self-reliant
...mourn [v.4]	pleasure-seeking hedonistic 'the beautiful people'

JESUS' VALUES	COUNTERVALUES
BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO...	BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE...
...are meek [v.5]	proud powerful important
...hunger for righteousness [v.6]	satisfied well-adjusted practical

JESUS' VALUES	COUNTERVALUES
BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO...	BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE...
...are merciful [v.7]	self-righteous Able to take care of themselves
...are pure in heart [v.8]	'adult' sophisticated broad-minded

JESUS' VALUES	COUNTERVALUES
BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO...	BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE...
...are peacemakers [v.9]	competitive aggressive
...are persecuted because of righteousness [v.10]	adaptable popular 'not rocking the boat'

Isaiah 66 : 2b

This is the one I esteem: He who is
humble and contrite in spirit, and
trembles at my word

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling
Naked come to thee for dress
Helpless look to thee for Grace
Foul I to the fountain fly;
Wash me Savior or I die

“ The keenest sorrow is to
recognize ourselves as the
sole cause of all our
adversities.”

Sophocles, c. 496-406

B.C.

“ ...I finally realized the
problem with the world is me.”

G.K. Chesterton



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“God resists the proud, but
gives grace to the humble.”

“Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind...each person's pride is in competition with everyone else's pride.” —C.S. Lewis

“Think of the power that turned an innocent pink-cheeked boy into a Nero or a Himmler.” —A.W. Tozer

“There is hardly a page of Scripture on which it is not clearly written that God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble” —Augustine

“Think, brother, what a sin it must be which has God for its opponent

—Jerome

“How great is the evil of pride, that it rightly has no angel, nor other virtues opposed to it, but God Himself as its adversary!”

—John Cassian

“It has the appearance of a contradiction in terms but is nevertheless true, that he who walks in humility walks in power.”

—George Ridout

“The first, second, and third thing in religion is humility; and no one ever becomes a Christian who is not willing to take the lowly condition of a child.”

—Albert Barnes

“It is very difficult to compete with someone who chooses to be last

—Gayle Erwin

“I used to think that God's gifts were on shelves one above the other and that the taller we grew in Christian character, the more easily we should reach them. I find now that God's gifts are on shelves one beneath the other and that it is not a question of growing taller, but of stooping lower and that we have to go down, always down to get His best ones. In Christian service the branches that bear the most fruit hang the lowest.”

E. B. Meyer

“Our humility must not only be a lowly estimate of ourselves, but it must be a practical stripping off of distinctions and prerogatives and an identifying of ourselves with the lowliest. It must lead to service. That service must have for its end our brother’s cleansing. The humble mind thinks not of its claims on others, but of its duties to them.”

—Alexander

McClaren

“Pride is a wonderful artist; it magnifies the small; it beautifies the ugly; it honors the ignoble; it makes the truly little, ugly; contemptible man appear large, handsome, dignified in his own eyes. It is said that Accius, the poet, who was a dwarf, would have himself painted as tall and commanding in stature. In truth, it makes the man who is a devil at heart appear to himself, a saint.”

—D. Thomas

““To this one I will look,” Jehovah declared, “to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.” This is the person who makes himself irresistible to God!”

—Isaiah & Steve

Gallagher