



# SERMON ON THE MOUNT PART 2

**MATTHEW 6:1–7:29 | LUKE 6:37–49**

Jesus continues His most comprehensive teaching on Kingdom living. If Part 1 established who Kingdom people are, Part 2 answers the question: how do they live? Prayer, fasting, money, worry, judgment, the narrow gate, and the foundation that holds when everything shakes.



## AUTHENTIC RIGHTEOUSNESS: HOW TO GIVE, PRAY AND FAST

### Jesus Teaches About Giving to the Needy (Matthew 6:1–4)

#### Key Points:

- Jesus warns against performing acts of righteousness to be seen by others — He calls it hypocrisy.
- When you give, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.
- The Father who sees in secret will reward openly.
- Key Insight: The audience for righteousness is God, not people. When we seek human approval, we receive it — and that is all we receive.

*Synoptic References: Unique to Matthew's Gospel*

- Verse: "When you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." (Matthew 6:3, NKJV)

### Jesus Teaches About Prayer (Matthew 6:5–15)

#### Key Points:

- Do not pray to be seen by others. Enter your private room, shut the door, and pray to your Father in secret.
- Do not use vain repetitions like the pagans — God knows what you need before you ask.
- Jesus gives the model prayer — the Lord's Prayer — as a framework, not a script.
- The Lord's Prayer covers: God's glory, His Kingdom come, daily provision, forgiveness, and deliverance from evil.
- Significantly: the prayer ends with the condition that we forgive others as we have been forgiven.

*Synoptic References: Luke 11:2–4 (shorter version in response to disciple's request)*

- Verse: "Your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him." (Matthew 6:8, NKJV)

### Jesus Teaches About Fasting (Matthew 6:16–18)

#### Key Points:

- When you fast, do not put on a gloomy public display. Wash your face, anoint your head — look normal.





- Fasting done for public recognition has already received its reward.
- Key Insight: Jesus says 'when you fast' — not 'if.' He assumes His followers will fast as a regular spiritual discipline.

*Synoptic References: Unique to Matthew's Gospel*

## THINK ABOUT

- Jesus says those who give, pray, or fast for public approval have already received their reward. In what areas of your spiritual life is the approval of others — rather than God — the real motivation?
- The Lord's Prayer begins with 'Our Father' — not 'my Father.' What does the communal nature of this prayer tell us about the Kingdom Jesus is building?
- Jesus ends the teaching on prayer with a warning: if you do not forgive others, your Father will not forgive you. How does unforgiveness block the flow of grace in your own life?

## TREASURES, TRUST AND PRIORITIES

### Jesus Teaches About Money and Treasure (Matthew 6:19–24)

#### Key Points:

- Do not store up treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy and thieves break in. Store up treasure in heaven.
- Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- The eye is the lamp of the body — if it is healthy (generous), you are full of light; if unhealthy (stingy), full of darkness.
- You cannot serve two masters. You cannot serve both God and money.
- Key Insight: Jesus does not say money is evil — He says divided loyalty is impossible. Every person serves something. The question is what.

*Synoptic References: Luke 16:13 (cannot serve two masters); Luke 11:34–36 (lamp of the body)*

- Verse: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21, NKJV)

### Jesus Teaches About Worry (Matthew 6:25–34)

#### Key Points:

- Do not worry about your life — what you will eat, drink, or wear. Life is more than food and the body more than clothing.
- Consider the birds of the air: they do not sow or reap, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value?
- Consider the lilies of the field — not even Solomon in all his glory was clothed like one of these.
- Worry cannot add a single hour to your life. It is fundamentally an act of distrust in God's provision.
- Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.





- Key Insight: Worry is not just an emotional struggle — it is a theological statement about who we believe God to be.

*Synoptic References: Luke 12:22-34*

- Verse: "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." (Matthew 6:33, NKJV)

## THINK ABOUT

- Jesus says where your treasure is, your heart will be also. If someone examined how you spend your time and money, where would they say your heart is?
- Worry cannot add a single hour to your life — yet most of us give it hours every day. What would it look like to practically surrender your worry to the Father this week?
- 'Seek first the kingdom of God.' What in your life is competing with that first place right now?

## JUDGING, ASKING AND THE GOLDEN RULE

### Jesus Teaches About Judging Others (Matthew 7:1-6; Luke 6:37-42)

#### Key Points:

- Do not judge, or you too will be judged — by the same standard you use.
- Jesus uses a vivid image: why do you notice the speck in your brother's eye while ignoring the plank in your own?
- First remove the plank from your own eye — then you can see clearly to help your brother.
- Do not give what is holy to dogs or throw pearls before pigs — wisdom is needed about who receives what.
- Key Insight: Jesus is not forbidding discernment or accountability. He is forbidding the self-righteous, hypocritical judgment that ignores one's own sin.

*Synoptic References: Luke 6:37-42*

- Verse: "Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?" (Matthew 7:3, NKJV)

### Jesus Teaches About Asking, Seeking and Knocking (Matthew 7:7-12)

#### Key Points:

- Ask and it will be given. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened.
- These are present continuous imperatives in the Greek — keep asking, keep seeking, keep knocking.
- If earthly fathers know how to give good gifts to their children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask?
- The Golden Rule: do to others what you would have them do to you — this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

*Synoptic References: Luke 11:9-13*





- Verse: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7, NKJV)

## THINK ABOUT

- The instruction to 'ask, seek, knock' is in the continuous tense — keep on asking. How does persistent prayer reflect something true about our relationship with God, not just our desperation?
- The Golden Rule — 'do to others what you would have them do to you' — is simple to understand and radical to obey. Where in your life does this rule most challenge you right now?
- Jesus says the Father gives good gifts to those who ask. Is there something you have stopped asking for because you lost confidence in God's willingness to give?

## TWO ROADS, TWO TREES, TWO BUILDERS

### Jesus Teaches About the Way to Heaven (Matthew 7:13-14)

#### Key Points:

- Enter through the narrow gate. The wide gate and broad road lead to destruction — many travel it.
- The small gate and narrow road lead to life — few find it.
- Key Insight: Jesus does not say the narrow way is hard to walk — He says it is hard to find. The challenge is not the journey but choosing the right entrance.

*Synoptic References: Luke 13:23-24*

### Jesus Teaches About Fruit in People's Lives (Matthew 7:15-20; Luke 6:43-45)

#### Key Points:

- Watch out for false prophets — they come in sheep's clothing but inwardly are wolves.
- You will recognise them by their fruit. Grapes do not come from thorn bushes.
- A good tree produces good fruit; a bad tree produces bad fruit. Every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down.
- Key Insight: The test of a teacher is not their gifts or charisma — it is the fruit of their life and the lives they produce.

*Synoptic References: Luke 6:43-45*

- Verse: "You will know them by their fruits." (Matthew 7:16, NKJV)

### Jesus Teaches About Building on a Solid Foundation (Matthew 7:21-29; Luke 6:46-49)

#### Key Points:

- Not everyone who says 'Lord, Lord' will enter the Kingdom — but those who do the will of the Father.
- Many will claim to have prophesied and done miracles in Jesus' name — and He will say 'I never knew you.'
- The wise builder hears these words of Jesus and acts on them — building on rock. The storm comes; the house stands.





- The foolish builder hears the same words but does not act — building on sand. The storm comes; the house falls.
- The crowd is astonished because Jesus teaches as one having authority — not as the scribes.
- Key Insight: The Sermon on the Mount ends where it must — with a call to obedience. Hearing is not enough. The foundation is not knowledge of the words but application of them.

*Synoptic References: Luke 6:46-49*

- Verse: "Everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock." (Matthew 7:24, NKJV)

## THINK ABOUT

- Jesus says the narrow road is hard to FIND, not hard to walk. What makes it difficult to find? What distracts people from the right entrance?
- You will know them by their fruit. Applying this to yourself — what fruit does your life consistently produce? What does that fruit reveal about the root?
- The wise and foolish builders heard the same sermon. The difference was obedience. What is one thing from the Sermon on the Mount — across both Part 1 and Part 2 — that you have heard clearly but not yet acted on?

## LIFE APPLICATION

- Give in secret: This week, do one act of generosity that no one knows about except God. No post. No mention. Just you and the Father.
- Use the Lord's Prayer as a framework: This week, pray through each section of the Lord's Prayer daily — not as a recitation but as a guide. Let each phrase lead you into genuine conversation with God.
- Name your worry and surrender it: Write down the thing you worry about most. Then write Matthew 6:33 next to it. Choose today to seek the Kingdom first in that area.
- Remove the plank: Ask God to show you one area where you have been judging others while ignoring the same issue in your own life. Repent. Then extend grace.
- Build on the rock: Identify one teaching from the full Sermon on the Mount — Parts 1 and 2 — that you have heard but not yet obeyed. This week, act on it. That is building on rock.





## **CONCLUSION**

The Sermon on the Mount concludes not with a theological statement but with a story about a storm. Because Jesus knows that the real test of everything He has taught is not what you believe when life is comfortable — it is what holds when the rain falls, the floods come, and the winds beat against your house. Two people hear the same sermon. Two people face the same storm. One house stands; the other falls. The difference is not intelligence, not education, not even sincerity — it is obedience. The Sermon on the Mount is not a higher standard designed to crush us. It is the life Jesus lived perfectly on our behalf and now offers to reproduce in us by His Spirit. Hear it. Do it. Build on the rock. The storm is coming for all of us. The question is what we are standing on when it arrives.

