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Chapter 1 - On the Mountainside

READ Matthew 5:1

“And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:” Matthew 5:1

9. Where was the original “mount of blessing?” (1)
10. Was it the same place where Jesus spoke and, if not, where was it located? (1)
11. By understanding the words Jesus spoke to His listeners, what may we “discern and gather?” (1)
12. What made the people unfit to receive the Messiah? (1-2)
13. What were the Jews looking for in the Messiah? (2)
14. Why was John the Baptist’s preaching to the people in vain? (2)
15. “Had the _____ and _____ in Israel _____ to His _____, Jesus _____ His _____ among men.” (2)
16. In what place had Jesus proclaimed the coming kingdom? (2) as the Messiah? (2)
17. What happened at His second trip to Jerusalem? (2)
18. Where did He go to next? (2)
19. What was the feeling held among the people? (3) Was it the same as held by the Jewish leaders? (3)
20. What was the purpose of the disciples in coming closer to Jesus? (3)
21. Which group were the disciples in: the people or the Jewish leaders? (3)
22. What had Jesus seen in His disciples? (3)
23. What steps had Jesus took to set apart His disciples for their work? (4)
24. From which places had the multitudes come? (4)
25. What feeling did the disciples and crowd share when Jesus was about to speak? (4)

26. What thoughts did the various people gathered have? (5)

Chapter 2 - The Beatitudes

READ Matthew 5:2,3

“He opened His mouth, and taught them, saying, ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’”

Matthew 5:2, 3

27. What were the effects on the crowd of Jesus’ first words? (6)

28. “In the days of Christ the _____ of the _____ that they were _____ in _____.” (6)

29. What did the throng feel? (6-7)

30. To what group did Jesus give the “cup of blessing” and what was their response? (7)

31. “He who _____, who _____ that he is _____ - _____, and is _____ with his _____, _____ to _____ a _____ of the _____ and _____ of Christ....There is _____ for _____ in the _____ of such a person.” (7)

32. Who are those who appreciate Christ’s help? (7)

33. “Whom Christ _____, He _____ makes _____, and it is the office of the _____ to _____ of _____.” (7)

34. What is the result of the convicting Spirit of God? (8)

35. Who are the subjects of the kingdom of heaven? (8)

36. By looking to Jesus, what may we find? (8)

37. What is the “sense” of such a person? (8)

38. Despite your past and present circumstances, if you come to Jesus just as you are, what will He do for you? (9)

“Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.”

Matthew 5:4

39. What is the “mourning” spoken of here? (9)

40. As a person is drawn to the Cross, what does he discern and see? (9-10)

41. How is this mourning comforted? (10)

42. Why do we receive trials and afflictions? (10)

43. If received in faith, what happens? (10)
44. What are the purposes for the trials in life? (10)
45. What precious things will we receive if we put our trust in the Lord? (11)
46. Compare and contrast the reactions of David and Jacob. (11)
47. What are we to do and not to do when we are under trials? (11)
48. What would the Saviour do and have us do in order not to “remain pressed down?” (12)
49. ”;_____ are they also who weep with Jesus in _____ - with the _____ and in _____ for its _____.” (12)
50. Describe the experience of those who are followers of Christ. (12-13)
51. Through suffering, what did Jesus obtain? (13)
52. “The Lord has _____ for the _____, and its power is to _____, to _____.” (13)
- “Blessed are the meek.” Matthew 5:5**
53. “Throughout the Beatitudes, there is an _____ - _ of _____.” (13)
54. How will a person learn meekness? (13-14)
55. What character traits were not prized by the heathen or the Jews? (14)
56. What would have been the reaction to the statement that Moses “was the meekest man upon the earth?” (14)
57. Through what experience did Jesus consent to pass? (14)
58. That self would not appear, what did Jesus do to prevent it? (14)
59. What are the “tokens of servitude to Satan?” (15)
60. Compare and contrast human nature with a life emptied of self. (15)
61. What destroys our peace? (16)
62. What happens when self is alive? When it is not? (16)
63. Compare and contrast earthly happiness with the peace of Christ. (16)
64. What happens when meekness is manifested in the home? (16-17)
65. Which is better to suffer: false accusation of ourselves or “the torture of retaliation upon our enemies?” (17)

66. What is the true secret of blessing? (17)
 67. How did sin enter the world? (17)
 68. How did Christ redeem what Adam and Eve lost? (17)
 69. Describe the earth promised to the meek. (17-18)

“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.” [Matthew 5:6](#)

70. What is righteousness? (18)
 71. How do we receive it? (18)
 72. Food and Christ are needed for what? (19)
 73. “As we _____ the _____ of our Saviour’s _____ we shall desire to become _____ and _____ in the _____ of His _____.” (19)
 74. What is an evidence “that Christ has wrought upon your heart”...“those things” which we could not do for ourselves? (19)
 75. Where should we seek to “quench our thirst?” (19)
 76. What are the words of God? (20)
 77. What will happen to us when we seek the “living springs?” (20)
 78. “The Holy Spirit was given without measure to Christ.” Can we expect the same? (21)
 79. What is the outpouring of God’s love compared with? (21)
“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.”

[Matthew 5:7](#)

80. Describe the nature of man’s heart. (21)
 81. Where does a spirit of mercy come from? (21-22)
 82. How are we made worthy? (22)
 83. What will we seek if we are in sympathy with God? (22)
 84. To whom is the Christian to benefit? (22)
 85. Who are the merciful? (22)
 86. What did Job do to show he was merciful? (23)
 87. What are some things we can do? (23)
 88. “There is sweet peace” for whom? (23)
 89. What are some of the promises God will fulfill toward the merciful? (24)

“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.”
[Matthew 5:8](#)

90. What were some of the results of the Jews exactness in ceremonial purity? (24)

91. What purity does Jesus ask for? (24)

92. If one is learning of Jesus, what will there be a distaste of? (25)

93. What does it mean to be “pure in heart?” (25)

94. Describe the differences between God and Satan with regard to the statement that “only like can appreciate like?” (25)

95. How does the heart that is deceived by Satan regard God and His actions? (25)

96. How will the wicked react at the Second Coming? (26)

97. “But to _____ that have become _____ through the _____ of the _____, _____ is changed. _____ can _____.” (26)

98. How do faith and daily experience figure in being pure of heart? (26)

99. How do the pure in heart see God? (26-27)

100. How do they live? (27)

“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.” Matthew 5:9

101. What was Christ’s mission as the “Prince of Peace?” (27)

102. How does one become a partaker of heavenly peace? (27)

103. Is there any other ground to becoming a partaker? (27)

104. What happens when the grace of Christ enters the heart? (27-28)

105. What is a peacemaker? (28)

106. “The _____ of _____ is _____ their _____ - _____ with _____.” (28)

107. What are the characteristics of those who are the children of God? (28)

“Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:10

108. What does and does not Christ present to His followers? (29)

109. What sort of reactions were manifested by those who opposed Christ’s mission? (29)

110. ”; _____ and _____ await _____ who are _____ with the _____.” (29)

111. Name what remains the same and changes with regard to persecution. (29)

112. Who are arrayed against those who obey the law of heaven? (30)

113. What should and should not be the result of persecution? (30)

114. What has Satan done (and is doing) to the people of God and what were (and are) some of the results? (30)

115. How is the character of God revealed in His chosen people? (31)

116. How is the church schooled in Christ? (31)

117. What do those schooled go through? (31)

118. What is their reward? (31)

“Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you.” [Matthew 5:11](#)

119. How has Satan worked ever since he fell? (31)

120. Why was Christ slandered, “derided and mocked?” (32)

121. What was His response? (32)

122. “While _____ may blacken the _____, it cannot stain the _____.” (32)

123. What must we do to prevent a stain upon our soul? (32)

125. Why is the reaction by a man whose heart is stayed upon God the same in good times and bad? (32)

126. “Christ is _____ with _____ that is _____ - and _____ by men.” (32)

127. Why can God’s children afford to wait? (32)

128. Who were the examples used as those who suffered, were reviled, and more, for being God’s messengers? (33)

129. What is every disciple of Christ to do to forward the knowledge of God? (33)

130. What are God’s means for bringing forth the truth? (33)

131. What is the reward for those who follow Christ? (34)

“Ye are the salt of the earth.” [Matthew 5:13](#)

132. What would Christ teach by calling His followers “salt?” (35)

133. What is the object of God in choosing a people before the world? (35)

134. By being purified through the truth, what will the Christian possess? (36)

135. How are salt and personal contact compared? (36)

136. Why is personal contact important? (36)

137. What does the “savor of salt” represent? (36)
138. If the love of Christ is in us, what are the results? (36)
139. Who well-represented the salt that had lost its savor and was then cast aside? (37)
140. What does it represent? (37)
141. How does it compare with the church mentioned in [Revelation 3:15,16](#)? (37)
142. “Without a _____ in Christ as a _____ - _____ it is _____ to make _____ in a _____ world.” (37)
143. “If there is no _____, no _____, no _____, there is no _____, no _____, no _____ in the life.” (37)
144. We are salt that has lost its savor and is worthless unless _____ Who can use us? (37)
145. What do we testify to the world if we lack the grace of Christ? (37)
146. When love fills the heart, what will happen and why? (38)
147. What will love do? (38)
- “Ye are the light of the world.”** [Matthew 5:14](#)
148. How are the sun and the disciples’ mission alike? (39)
149. Is there any other light that will shine upon fallen men outside of Jesus? (39)
150. How could the disciples become light-bearers? (39)
151. Does humanity in itself have any light? (40)
152. Who is the channel through which the revelation of God flows? (40)
153. What role do angels have? (40)
154. What has happened if we are not the light of the world? (41)
155. Who were light-bearers before Jesus’ time? (41)
156. How do our good works influence others to come to Jesus? (41-42)
157. What had built the “wall of partition” between the Jews and others? (42)
158. What does Christ do with it? (42)

159. If the church was fulfilling the Lord's purpose, what would be happening? (42-43)

160. What are the conditions to receiving the "word" from Jesus? (43)

161. "We are not only to _____ the _____ of _____, but also to _____ of _____." (43)

162. "The _____ of _____ is to be _____ - the _____, _____ and _____ - _____." (44)

163. What will then happen? (44)

164. How are we to communicate to the world the mysteries of God's love? (44)

165. "Trials _____, blessings _____ - _____, temptations _____, _____, _____, _____, and love _____ are the lights that _____ in the _____ in _____ with the darkness of the _____, into which the _____ has _____." (44)

Chapter 3 - The Spirituality of the Law

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READ Matthew 5:17-48

“I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.” Matthew 5:17

166. Who proclaimed the Law upon Mt. Sinai? (45)
167. Compare and contrast the scenes at Mt. Sinai and the Mount of Blessing. (45)
168. What was the state of Israel in when the Law was given? (45)
169. “The _____ given upon Mt. Sinai was the _____ of the _____ of _____.” (46)
170. What is the purpose of the Law? (46)
171. What aspect of the Law did Israel not perceive? (46) the Pharisees? (46)
172. What was the expectation of Israel and the Pharisees when Jesus spoke? (47)
173. The Pharisees feared what when Jesus spoke? (47)
174. Describe the actions and thoughts of the Pharisees as Jesus was followed. (47)
175. How did Jesus respond? (47)
176. Compare and contrast Jesus’ and some others’ attitude toward the Law. (47)
177. “It is the _____ of _____, the _____ of the _____, who _____ that it is _____ His _____ to _____ its _____.” (48)
178. What is under Law? (48)
179. What depends on its obedience? (48)
180. For how long has the Law existed? (48)
181. Who must obey its statutes? (48)
182. What was the mission of Christ on earth? (48-49)
183. How does John speak of the Law? (48) Jesus? (48-49)
184. What is meant by the word “fulfill?” (49)

185. “He was to _____ the _____ of the law, to _____ its _____ and to _____ its _____.” (49)

186. How could Jesus be known as a “living representation of the character of the law of God?” (49)

187. How did Jesus testify and prove that the Law could be perfectly obeyed? (49)

188. When referring to the Law what did Jesus mean by “till all things be accomplished?” (49-50)

189. Why did Jesus come as our Redeemer? (50)

190. How is the Law exalted? (50)

191. What is the “new-covenant promise?” (50)

192. How long will the Law exist? (51)

“Whosoever ... shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven.” [Matthew 5:19](#)

193. What does it mean to “be called the least in the kingdom of heaven?” (51)

194. If we break only one commandment, what are we really guilty of? (51)

195. “It is not the _____ of the _____ of _____ that _____, but the _____ of _____ from _____ in the _____; for this _____ there is yet _____ between the _____ and _____.” (51)

196. What would occur if man were free to set up his own “standard of duty?” (51-52)

197. What happens when men choose their own way? (52)

198. Are there any commandments that are not in man’s best interest? (52)

199. Compare and contrast what happens to man when he keeps or breaks one of God’s commandments. (52)

200. What can happen if we disregard the will of God? (52)

“Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.” [Matthew 5:20](#)

201. What did the scribes and Pharisees accuse Jesus and His disciples of doing? (53)

202. How is the Jewish religion described? (53) Why? (53)

203. Describe the religion of the Pharisees. (53)

204. How was it the same or different from that preached by Micah and Hosea? (54)

205. What was the righteousness of the Jews? (54)

206. Is man, of himself, able to keep the law? Why or why not? (54)

207. What is the righteousness that the disciple of Christ must obtain and how? (54-55)

208. "Jesus _____ to _____ His hearers what it _____ to _____ the _____ of _____ that it is a _____ in _____ of the _____ of _____."

"Everyone who is angry with his brother shall be in danger of the judgment." Matthew 5:22 (R.V.)

209. How were the truths that the prophets and Christ taught and presented obscured? (55)

210. What were the Jews equally guilty of? (55-56)

211. Who did the Jews denounce and hate and why? (56)

212. "The _____ of _____ and _____ with _____, and it led _____ to _____ to _____ the _____." (56)

213. If one cherishes malice or unkindness, what is the result? (56)

214. "In the _____ the _____ lies _____." (56)

215. How does God show that He places a high value on human beings? (56-57)

216. Using the Old Testament definition of "fool", what do we bring upon ourselves by calling a person that? (57)

217. By not accusing Satan when contending over Moses' body, what example did Jesus give us? (57). How are we to do the same? (57-58)

"Be reconciled to thy brother." Matthew 5:24

218. What is the love of God? (58)

219. How can we show it? (58)

220. If a person wrongs or injures a brother, how does he represent God? (58)

221. How is he to make amends to a brother? (58-59)

222. What are some examples of mistreatment of a person and what we are to do? (59)

223. Why is a problem between brethren better handled amongst themselves rather than having it voiced aloud to others? (59)

“Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.” [Matthew 5:28](#)

224. Give examples of what the Romans practiced that offended the Jews. (59-60)

225. What was the Jews’ reaction to Jesus’ statement in [Matthew 5:28](#)? (60)

226. “When the _____ of _____ is _____ and _____, however _____, said Jesus, it shows that _____ in the _____.” (60)

227. What are some things that show the true nature of the hidden evil? (60)

228. “The _____ of _____, under which, it may be, one _____ into _____, does _____ the _____ that is revealed, but only _____ or makes _____ that which was _____ and _____ in the _____.” (60)

“If thy right hand causeth thee to stumble, cut it off, and cast it from thee.” [Matthew 5:30](#) (R.V.)

229. If a person is willing to cut off their hand if it causes him to stumble, what should be his/her reaction to something that imperils the soul? (60)

230. God is willing to deliver and save us from what? (61)

231. Why is the soul to be purified? (61)

232. What must be sacrificed if it causes us to stumble? (60)

233. What is represented by Jesus’ words in [Matthew 5:30](#)? (61)

234. Who is the fountain of life and how can we have life? (61)

235. What must we do to have life imparted to us and to have sin overcome? (61)

236. What must we not do? (62)

237. What sort of sacrifice must we give? (62)

“Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife?” [Matthew 19:3](#)

238. What were the Jews practicing concerning marriage? (63)

239. Give Jesus’ view. (63)

240. Name the two institutions that had their origin in Eden. (63)

241. What is the purpose of the gospel concerning marriage? (64)

242. What was Paul's view concerning marriage? (64-65)

243. What did God originally design marriage to be? (65)

244. Despite the condition of society, how is it possible to have a better marriage? (65)

“Swear not at all.” [Matthew 5:34](#)

245. What is the reason for this command? (66)

246. Give the reasons why we have nothing to pledge to fulfill our word. (66)

247. What did the Jews do that broke the command not to swear? (66)

248. What was the one oath that was not forbidden to be used? (66-67)

249. Why is it that some people have no problem in deceiving their fellow men but fear to deceive God? (67)

250. Why is the Christian the one person who can consistently testify under oath? (67)

251. Give the principle that Jesus said and that would make oath taking needless. (67)

252. What does this principle condemn? (68)

253. If this principle were heeded, what would be the result? (68)

254. “We cannot _____ the _____, unless we _____ the _____;” (68)

255. In the light of [Colossians 4:6](#) and [Ephesians 4:29](#), what are also condemned? (69)

“Resist not him that is evil: but whosoever smiteth thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.” [Matthew 5:39 \(R.V.\)](#)

256. Give some occasions for the conflict between Jews and Romans. (69-70)

257. What did the Jews hope that Jesus would do? (70)

258. What was His reaction? (70)

259. Why did an “eye for eye, tooth for tooth”; not apply here? (70)

260. Give some scriptures that forbid a person from seeking to avenge himself. (70-71)

261. How was Jesus' life a manifestation of this principle? (71)

262. “He who is _____ with the _____ of _____ _____ in _____.” (71)

263. Do we have a need to resist evil? Why or why not? (71)

264. What did Jesus instruct His disciples to do when met by the demands of the authorities? (72)

265. How were the poor to be treated and were the instructions followed? (72)

266. Are we to give indiscriminately? How much are we to give? (73)

“Love your enemies.” [Matthew 5:44](#)

267. “Such was the _____ of the _____ which the _____ had _____ as a _____ and _____ of _____.” (73)

268. How did the rabbis regard themselves? (73)

269. What was Jesus’ response? (73-74)

270. What concept of God was only given by the Bible? (74)

271. What view of God did the Jews hold? (74)

272. What view should they have believed in? (74-75)

273. How will the love of God change us? (75)

274. Define what it means to be a child of God. (75)

275. How will we treat others if we have the Spirit of God? (75)

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your father which is in heaven is perfect.” [Matthew 5:48](#)

276. How may we become in character like the Father? (76)

277. What are the conditions of eternal life, under grace? (76)

278. “In every _____ or _____ that God gives there is a _____, the most _____, _____ the command.” (76)

279. By what means is the stubborn heart changed and what happens to the sinner? (76-77)

280. How does this compare with what the Jews were doing? (77)

281. Give one definition of “the law”. (77)

282. What are we to be in our circle? (77)

Chapter 4 - The True Motive in Service

[7]

READ Matthew 6:1-8, 14-34

“Take heed that ye do not your righteousness before men, to be seen of them.” Matthew 6:1

283. How did the people fail to comprehend and understand the words of Jesus? (79)

284. What was their real object? (79)

285. “But the _____ by the _____ are such as are _____ of _____ in _____.” (79)

286. Compare the spirit of teaching between the Pharisees and Jesus. (79)

287. Describe the teaching and life of the Pharisees in Jesus’ day. (79)

288. What did Jesus say about them? (80)

289. What were Jesus’ comments about kind acts? (80)

290. What should not be the aim of acts of charity? (80)

291. Who are we to bring glory to? (80)

292. “It is through the _____ the every _____ is accomplished, and the _____ is given to glorify, not the _____, but the _____.” (80)

293. What will not be ‘the theme of our thoughts or conversation?’ (80-81)

294. What is the motive the Christian should have? (81)

295. “_____ like can _____ like.” (81)

296. Describe the blessing and rich reward for those who pass on God’s blessings to others. (81-82)

297. When we pass on God’s blessings to others, how are we blessed? (82)

298. How are the character traits changed? (82)

299. What may be not recognized here on earth but is recognized in heaven? (82-83)

300. How will we reap what we have sown? (83)

“When thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are.” [Matthew 6:5](#)

301. Describe the Pharisees’ prayer life as was practiced openly. (83)

302. Give Jesus’ response. (84)

303. What is Jesus’ teaching regarding public/private prayer? (84)

304. “Jesus had _____ for _____ with God, and _____.” (84)

305. What can we share with God in our secret places for prayer? Give examples. (84)

306. Write down some of God’s reactions to our prayers. (84-85)

307. What will be the effect of our fellowship with Jesus? (85)

308. If our soul comes to God for help and support through “daily, earnest prayer” what will be the result? (85)

309. List what we may pass on to others by having a daily connection with God. (85)

310. By drawing near to God, what will be the consequence? (85-86)

“When ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do.” [Matthew 6:7](#)

311. Describe the heathen view of prayer. (86)

312. What is this idea of prayer? (86)

313. Which group had adopted a pagan idea of prayer and is it still in use today? (86)

314. “_____ is not an _____ for sin; it has no _____ or _____ in itself.” (86)

315. What is the prayer of faith? (86-87)

“When ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites.” [Matthew 6:16](#)

316. What does the fasting in the Bible command? (87)

317. What is the object of a fast? (87)

318. Give a definition of “repentance.” (87)

319. “Whatever is done to the glory of God is to be done with _____, not with _____ and _____.” (88)

320. If a Christian by his attitude indicates that he is disappointed in Jesus, what does he show by doing so? (88)

321. Although nobody knows what is going on between the soul and God, what can they see? (88)

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth.” [Matthew 6:19](#)

322. What are the problems with laying up treasures on the earth? (88)

323. Name the differences and similarities between the Jews and us concerning the love of money, worldliness and greed. (88-89)

324. What does Satan’s service entail when it comes to possessions? (89)

325. What is only really ours? (89)

326. How does Christ look upon His people? (89)

327. Name the treasure we are to labour for. (90)

328. “_____ is the _____.” (90)

329. Define what is “laying up treasure in heaven.” (90)

330. “Where the _____ is, there the _____ will be.” (90)

331. What happens when a person gives their money or time to advance the work of the gospel? (90)

332. Name what the rewards will be for a person who has laid up treasure in heaven. (90-91)

“If ... thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.” [Matthew 6:22](#)

333. What is the condition that Jesus’ word points out? (91)

334. How will a person “receive divine enlightenment?” (91)

335. “_____ begins when _____ with _____ is at an _____.” (91)

336. How does a love of sin affect us? (91)

337. What effect did it have on the Jews? (92)

338. How does “yielding to temptation” start? (92)

339. Describe what Satan does to continue this. (92)

340. What is the darkness like? (92)

341. Give the path leading to the sinner losing the “capacity to receive” heavenly light. (92)

342. “_____ is _____ of God, _____ to his _____, _____ as there is _____ of his salvation.” (93)

343. How is God persistent in His efforts to save a person? (93)

344. What is the result for the sinner of continually resisting God’s actions for him? (93)

“No man can serve two masters.” [Matthew 6:24](#)

345. “Christ _____ that man _____ or _____ - _____ serve two masters but that he _____.” (93)

346. Compare and contrast each side of the line between the Christian and the worldly person. (93)

347. Where does the neutral position occur? (94)

348. What are the characteristics of each position? (94)

349. How many positions are there? (94)

350. What is and is not the “strongest bulwark of vice” on earth? (94)

351. Name some of the decoys Satan can use to ruin lives here and for the future. (94-95)

“Be not anxious.” Matthew 6:25 (R.V.)

352. How does Jesus use birds to show He cares for us? (95) for lilies? (96)

353. From Jesus illustrations, how do they show His wisdom? (96)

354. What do they show about God’s thoughtfulness? (96)

355. Through nature, what is the lesson for us? (96)

356. Describe the growth of the lily and how it relates to the Christian life. (97)

357. “God’s _____ is the _____ of _____.” (97)

358. What does the beauty that God has given us teach us? (97)

359. What are parents to do for their children to show them God’s love in nature? (97-98)

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God.” Matthew 6:33

360. Give the expectations of the Jews as they listened to Jesus’ words. (98)

361. How were they like the heathen around them? (98-99)

362. What did Jesus open? (99)

363. “Jesus does not release us from the _____ of _____ - _____, but He teaches us that we are to make Him _____ and _____ and _____ in _____.” (99)

364. What is a person not to do to hinder Jesus’ outworking of His righteousness in the person’s entire life? (99)

365. While Jesus was on earth, how did He dignify life in its entirety? (99)

366. What is Jesus’ assurance if we follow His example? (99)

367. The New Jerusalem will open its gates to the person who leaned on God for what? (100)

“Be not therefore anxious for the morrow Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.” Matthew 6:34 (R.V.)

368. Why are we told not to worry about tomorrow? (100)

369. What burden do we take upon ourselves by worrying about tomorrow? (100)

370. How do we usurp God’s responsibility by doing so? (100)

371. How will we cease to worry about tomorrow? (101)

372. What will be the results of doing so? (101)

373. “Christ has given us _____ of _____ in _____ - _____ the _____ of _____.” (101)

374. How are we like some of the Israelites who gathered manna for the next day? (101)

375. “_____ is ours, and during _____ we are to _____ for _____.” (101)

376. What are the conditions and promises given in the last paragraph of page 101?

Chapter 5 - The Lord's Prayer

READ Matthew 6:9-13

“After this manner therefore pray ye.” Matthew 6:9

377. Where was the Lord's Prayer given? (102)

378. How were the disciples deeply moved when they returned from a short time away from Jesus? (102)

379. What were the His mother, brothers and disciples concerned about after Jesus had spent the day ministering to others? (102)

380. What did the disciples notice about Jesus after He had communed with God? (102)

381. Why did the disciples ask Jesus how to pray? (103)

382. Does Jesus restrict us to use only the exact words He used in prayer?(103)

383. What are we to come to God with? (103)

“When ye pray, say Our Father.” Luke 11:2

384. Why are we to say “Our Father?” (103)

385. What truth was revealed by Jesus words? (104)

386. How are we reconnected to God? (104)

387. Why did Jesus take human nature? (104)

388. What is the first step in approaching God? (104-105)

389. “The _____ of God's _____ works the _____ - _____ of _____.” (105)

390. What is the implication of calling God “Our Father?” (105)

391. Name some of the things God does by His dwelling “in every abode.” (105)

392. Name some of the things we are to do because we are God's children. (105-106)

“Hallowed be Thy name.” Matthew 6:9

393. How are we to “hallow” God's name? (106)

394. “We are _____ in any manner to _____ the _____ or _____ of the Deity.” (106)

395. How do the angels and other heavenly beings approach God? (106)

397. What did the Jews do that did not hallow God's name? (106-107)

398. What name is put upon every follower of Christ and why? (107)

399. When we ask that God's name be hallowed, what are we asking for? (107)

400. "In _____ of _____ you are to _____ the _____ of _____." (107)

401. Name two things we cannot do "unless in life and character" we represent God. (107)

402. How do we "in life and character" represent God? (107)

"Thy kingdom come." [Matthew 6:10](#)

403. How are we to build up God's kingdom? (107)

404. What were the disciples looking for? (107)

405. Name the assurance that Christ gave His disciples about His kingdom. (108)

406. What kingdom is now being established? (108) Which one is not? (108)

407. Describe what will happen when heaven's gates are "lifted up." (108)

408. Name an event that occurs before Christ's return. (108-9)

409. How do we "hasten the coming of His kingdom?" (109)

410. Give a description of those who pray for Christ's kingdom to come. (109)

"Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." [Matthew 6:10](#)

411. How is the will of God expressed? (109)

412. What do the angels attain to? (109)

413. Is service in heaven "rendered in a spirit of legality?" (109)

414. When Satan rebelled, what was the reaction of the angels? (109)

415. Describe the angel's service to God. (109)

416. What is the prayer in Matthew 6:10 a prayer for? (110)

"Give us this day our daily bread." [Matthew 6:11](#)

417. What has Jesus taught us in the first half of the prayer? (110)

418. “When you have thus _____ your _____, you may _____ that your _____ be _____.” (110)

419. What must we do to become a member of God’s family? (110)

420. Give the results of being a member. (110)

421. Why are we not granted our inheritance right now? (110-111)

422. How does God take care of our needs? (111)

423. What should our reaction be if we do not have enough for tomorrow? (111)

424. Write down the assurances and promises that God gives us that He will supply our needs daily. (111)

425. Name two groups that were given Jesus help. (111)

426. Who else do we ask for when requesting “our daily bread?” (111)

427. What other “bread” are we to ask for? (112)

428. How do we consume this “bread?” (112)

429. How do we receive Christ and what role does the Holy Spirit have? (112-113)

430. What is God’s purpose for us in teaching us to ask for our daily needs? (113)

431. What shall we be through this communion with Christ? (113)

“Forgive us our sins; for we also forgive everyone that is indebted to us.” [Luke 11:4](#)

432. “Jesus teaches us that we can receive _____ from God _____ as we _____ others.” (113)

433. What draws us to God and also touches others? (112)

434. What happens if we are unforgiving? (112)

435. “We _____ that _____ those who have _____ the _____ we are _____ in _____ from them our _____.” (113)

436. How are we to treat people who have wronged us whether or not they have apologized? (114)

437. Give two things that we are not to do regardless of how bad we have been treated. (114)

438. Discuss the following definition of God’s forgiveness:

“It is not only _____, but _____ - _____.” (114)

439. What is God's forgiveness? (114)

440. What did Jesus do that might reveal His love and draw us to Him? (114)

441. Give the next step after we receive God's mercy. (115)

442. Write down the essential element that we are to have to receive and pass on God's love. (115)

443. List some of the things Satan does to keep us from discerning God's love. (115)

444. When is it time to pray? (115)

445. How does forgiveness and reconciling with God come to us? (115-116)

446. What are we not to do to lessen our guilt? (116)

447. Give the result if we were to bear our own guilt? (116)

“Bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.” Matthew 6:13 (R.V.)

448. What is “temptation?” (116)

449. Where does temptation come from? (116)

450. What does Satan do to try to claim us as his own? (116)

451. Describe the situation of Joshua the high priest. (116-117)

452. How is it the same or different in our lives? (117)

453. What does it tell us of the battle for our allegiance? (117)

454. What is God seeking to do with us? (117)

455. Name some of the situations He allows us to go through. (117)

456. “Every _____, every _____ - _____, gives us a _____ and _____ us in the _____ of _____.” (117)

457. By resisting temptation through God's help, what does that show others? (117)

458. Name an item that we should be concerned about when we are tempted. (117)

459. Are we to ask God to help us resist temptation and then go our own way? (117-118)

460. Why is it not safe to consider the advantages we may gain by following Satan's suggestions? (118)

461. What does “sin mean?” (118)

462. Do we have any assurance of God's protection when we venture onto Satan's ground? (118)

463. What are we to try to do to prevent Satan's gaining access to us? (118)

464. How is the prayer to "bring us not into temptation" a promise? (118)

465. "The _____ is the _____ of _____ in the _____ in His _____." (118)

466. Why is it that "temptation has power over us?" (118)

467. In beholding God's love, what happens to our selfishness? (118)

468. "Christ _____ the soul for whom He has died." (118)

469. Is it us who leaves Christ? (118)

470. If "our spiritual vision" would be "quicken", what would we see? (119)

471. What are we to do to be secure in Christ? (119)

"Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory."
Matthew 6:13

472. How is the last sentence of the Lord's Prayer like the first? (120)

473. When Christ looked into the future, what did He see concerning the disciples? (120)

474. What were Christ's followers not to do? (120)

475. What did Jesus see concerning Jerusalem? (120-121)

476. How does it apply to us? (121)

477. What is the promise Jesus gives us in Matthew 6:13 (121)

478. Write down the message it gives us concerning working for God. (121)

Chapter 6 - Not Judging, but Doing

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READ Matthew 7:1-8:1

“Judge not, that ye be not judged.” [Matthew 7:1](#)

479. If we try to be saved by our own works, what will inevitably happen? [\(123\)](#)

480. Name some of the things the Pharisees did that made them a part of this class. [\(123\)](#)

481. Enumerate some of the things that the Jews largely did that also made them a part of this class. [\(123-124\)](#)

482. What does Matthew 7:1 mean? [\(124\)](#)

483. Why are we not qualified to sit in judgment of others? [\(124\)](#)

484. If we do judge others, what does that say about us? [\(124\)](#)

“Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother’s eye?”
[Matthew 7:3](#)

485. Read [Matthew 7:4](#). Who is condemned by these words? [\(125\)](#)

486. Jot down some of the character flaws that are in a person who is critical of others. [\(125\)](#)

487. What do they misrepresent? [\(125\)](#)

488. What two other sins are listed as being committed by the one who condemns another? [\(125\)](#)

489. “_____ is the _____ of _____, and he _____ himself up as a _____ is _____ himself in the _____ of _____.” [\(125\)](#)

490. What is a person who also condemns the motives of others guilty of? [\(125-126\)](#)

491. Whose side is an accuser on? [\(126\)](#)

492. What is the “sin that leads to the most unhappy results?” [\(126\)](#)

493. Name two things that a person might use to make up for the lack of love. [\(126\)](#)

494. What does Jesus say about a person who goes about fault-finding in others? (126)

495. "He who is _____ is the _____ to _____." (126)

496. How does the sin that Adam and Eve committed affect us today? (126)

497. Give the steps that an accuser will use to have a person conform to what they think is the "right" course of action. (126)

498. Which two groups used these methods? (126-127)

499. What is the secret behind all the religious laws and persecutions that have occurred? (127)

500. "Christ does not _____ but _____ men unto Him." (127)

501. Name the compulsion that God uses to draw us to Him. (127)

502. When a church leans on secular power to help her, what is she devoid of? (127)

503. Upon whom is the cure for compulsion to be treated? (127)

504. List the steps a person is to take before he/she corrects others. (127)

505. What is the accusing spirit described as? (127)

506. Before you correct others, what must you have? (127)

507. How are we to have a good influence to those who need counsel or admonition? (127-128)

508. "You must ___ good, before you can ___ good." (128)

509. Write down what must happen first before you can influence a person to do good. (128)

510. What will you do and not do concerning criticism of others when Christ is within you? (128)

511. How can our own experiences have a positive influence on an erring brother or sister? (128)

512. How can we take the beam out of our own eyes? (128)

513. "No one has ever been _____ from a _____ by _____ and _____; but many have thus been _____ and led to _____ their _____." (129)

514. What is our character to be like in order to help an erring soul? (129)

"Give not that which is holy unto the dogs." Matthew 7:6

515. What class is Jesus referring to here? (129)

516. What is the Christian not to be hindered by? (129)

517. "But the Saviour _____ one soul, however sunken in sin, who was _____ to _____ the _____ of heaven." (129)

518. Give some examples of people who were much changed by Jesus. (129-130)

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." [Matthew 7:7](#)

519. Why does Jesus repeat this promise three times? (130)

520. Name the conditions one must fulfill in order to receive the promises. (130)

521. Give further details on how one is to "ask", "seek", and "knock." (130-131)

522. What illustration does Jesus use in order to show what they needed and how willing God was to meet their needs? (132)

523. What is the greatest of all gifts? (132)

524. What illustration does Jesus use to show how much He cares for us? (132)

525. "Every _____ in the word of God _____ us with _____ for _____, _____ the _____ word of Jehovah as _____." (133)

526. When coming to God in prayer like a child, what is important to keep in mind? (133)

527. Name the gifts that the child of God will receive. (133-134)

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do you even so to them." [Matthew 7:12](#)

528. What were the Jews "concerned about." (134)

529. Give Jesus' comments on the above. (134)

530. "In your _____ with _____, put _____ in their place." (134)

531. What is a principle of heaven? (135)

532. What is the "golden rule?" (135)

533. Write down what "the influence of grace" does to the heart. (135)

534. What is the "deeper significance" of the golden rule? (135)

535. How are we to use the "gifts and blessings" that have been given to us? (136)

536. Give another truth of the golden rule. (136)

537. How are all gifts repaid? (136)

538. Does this apply to evil? (136)

539. How can Jesus bring good out of evil? (136)

540. “The _____ of the golden rule is the _____ -
_ of Christianity; _____ short of it is a _____.” (136-137)

541. Give some characteristics of a spurious religion. (137)

542. Why is it that Christianity “has so little power” today?
(137)

543. Why was the apostolic church different? (137)

544. What “truth revealed” is made “more powerful?” (137)

545. If Christians practiced the golden rule’s principles, what
would happen? (137)

**“Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth
unto life.”** [Matthew 7:14](#)

546. How did a person get into a walled town which was on a
hill? (138)

547. Compare and contrast the differences between the narrow
and the broad roads. (138-139)

548. “God’s _____ has made it _____ for the _____ and
_____ to _____ themselves.” (138)

549. List some of the steps on the way to a victorious ending.
(140)

550. List some of the pitfalls we may encounter along the way.
(140)

551. Give some of the encouragements we may be given while
walking the path. (140)

“Strive to enter in at the strait gate.” [Luke 13:24](#)

552. How is the striving of a traveler to get into a city before
nightfall the same as that of the Christian life? (141)

553. How is the Christian life described? (141)

554. What is the greatest battle a person must face? (141)

555. Name some of the challenges a person will face. (142)

556. Who can give us the victory? (142)

557. How can the victory be won? (142)

558. “The _____ must be _____ on the side of _____.”
(142)

559. What does God do for us that we cannot do for ourselves? (142)

560. Although many are attracted to Christ and heaven, what keeps them away? (143)

561. Name some of the barriers that a person erects between himself and Christ. (143)

562. Why do they not choose to follow Christ? (143)

563. If we wish to overcome, what is our “only hope?” (143)

564. How is the experience of Jacob like that of our own? (144)

“Beware of false prophets.” [Matthew 7:15](#)

565. How are we to judge whether or not a person is teaching us the truth? (145)

566. What are some of the questions we should ask? (145)

567. Where does observation come in? (145)

568. What is without value? (146)

569. Give a definition of “presumption.” (146)

570. What idea is not to be cherished? (146)

571. Name some things that people can say or do that indicates they have no light in them. (146)

572. Name a test of discipleship. (146)

573. How can we know whether the truth we hold is of God and “that our faith is of the right order?” (146-147)

“It fell not: for it was founded upon the rock.” [Matthew 7:25](#)
(R.V.)

574. How did Jesus’ words affect the people? (147)

575. “Therefore, while the _____ of the people _____ -
____ to His _____, _____ were _____ to _____ them as the
_____.” (147)

576. What was the last illustration Jesus used when He spoke from the mount? (147-148)

577. Describe some of the elements of the illustration. (147-148)

578. How did Jesus apply these elements to Himself? (148)

579. What is embodied in Christ’s words? (148)

580. When building upon and receiving Christ’s words, what is the end result? (149)

581. How do we build upon Christ? (149)

582. Give a definition of “holiness.” (149)

583. “_____ not _____ merely, is _____ of the _____ - _____ of Christ.” (149)

584. How is character built? (149)

585. Who are not the sons of God? (150)

586. What are we to do and what will God do, if we desire to follow Christ? (150)

587. In being the “true foundation”, how is Christ described? (150)

588. Write down some of the items man uses to build his own “foundation.” (150)

589. What is the result of building a foundation upon the shifting sand, on erecting a “structure of character.” (150-151)

590. How does Christ’s illustration of the fall of Jerusalem apply to a person’s life? (152)

591. “You who are _____ _____ on _____ are _____ - _____ on the _____.” (152)

592. Is it too late to “flee to the sure foundation?” (152)