

## Lesson 39

# SERMON ON THE MOUNT - CONCLUSION MATTHEW 7

**Bible Truth:** If we live like Jesus tells us to live, our lives will not fall apart.

**Materials Needed:** *Sing* - overheads of songs, overhead projector, hymnals, Steve Green's Hide 'Em in Your Heart tapes, cassette recorder; *Overhead Review* - overhead projector, transparency review sheet; *Dealings With Others* - large paper tree shape, paper fruit shapes (one per student); *The Wise Man and the Foolish Man* - tray, sand, rock, pitcher of water, two small houses (These can be a wooden block with a folded piece of paper for a roof.)

### Lesson Format:

Sing (pre-class)  
Overhead Review  
Dealings With Others  
The Wise Man and the Foolish Man  
The Reaction  
Beatitude Practice

### Dialogue:

#### **Pre-class Activity: Sing**

Sing songs based on the Sermon on the Mount. Steve Green's tapes, Hide 'Em in Your Heart, have several. Also, "Seek Ye First," "This Little Light of Mine," "The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock" are some that are familiar with most children. Look for others in your hymnals. Be sure to point out that these songs come from the Sermon on the Mount.

#### **Overhead Review**

Use transparencies made from the sheets at the end of this lesson for a review.

Answer Key: 1. a, 2. c, 3. b, 4. b, 5. a, b, & c, 6. c, 7. c, 8. a, 9. a, 10. b

#### **Dealings With Others**

Before class, cut out a large tree shape and put it on the wall. Also cut out fruit shapes large enough for the students to write on. These will be used later in this section.

**"Next Jesus talked about some more ways to deal with other people."**

**Read Matthew 7:1-2.**

**"Jesus gave the example of how some people are when it comes to judging others. He said it's like a person who has a big wooden beam in his eye telling a person with a speck of dust in their eye that he needs to get that dust out of his eye. The person with the big beam in his eye is so busy looking for something wrong with the other person that he**

doesn't even notice that he has a really big problem. Jesus tells us to look at ourselves first, before we go around telling others how wrong they are. If we do, we may find out that we have some faults of our own.

**“Verse 12 of chapter 7 is a very famous verse. It is called ‘The Golden Rule’ because an emperor once wrote it in gold on his wall. Can anyone tell me what it is before we read it?”**

**“Does this mean that if someone is mean to you, you should be mean to them?”**

**“What does it mean?”**

**“Jesus also warned the people not to believe everything they heard from others. He said you can tell if a person is good or bad by the things they do. He compares people to fruit trees. The tree is the person, and the fruits are the things that they do - good or bad. Jesus said you can't get good fruit from a bad tree or bad fruit from a good tree. What are some good fruits that would show you are one of God's people?”**

**“I am going to give each of you a ‘fruit’ and I want you to write something good that you are going to do this week that will show someone how you love God.”** Pass out the fruit shapes. After they have written on them, hang them on the tree you prepared.

### ***The Wise Man and the Foolish Man***

Before class, place a rock in a tray and cover it with sand, making certain only a thin layer of sand is on top of the rock. Build a mound of equal size out of sand next to the rock, leaving a narrow valley between. Place one “house” on the rock and one on the mound of sand as you tell the story. At the designated time, pour water into the valley between the houses, making sure you wash away the mound of sand so that the house on top falls down. Also pour the water over the sand covering the rock so that that sand washes away. Don't pour water directly on the houses. Practice before you do this for the class so you will know how it works.

**“Jesus finished the sermon with a story about two men, a man who was wise and a man who was foolish. One man built his house on a rock. It is not easy to build on rock because it is hard to make holes for the foundation. The other man built his house on the sand. He had a much easier time building because sand is easy to dig in.**

**“But then a storm came. The land began to flood.”** Begin pouring the water. **“The rains kept beating against the earth and the waters kept rising. The house that was built on the rock didn't wash away. But the house that was built on the sand ended up falling into the flooded waters and being destroyed because the sand underneath it washed away.**

**“The point to Jesus' story was this - if you listen to His sermon and do what He said, you will be like the man who built his house on the rock. It may be hard to do it, but your life will not fall apart. If you listen to His sermon and do not do what He said, you will be like the foolish man who built his house on the sand. The building was easy, but his life fell apart.”**

### ***The Reaction***

**“Let's read to see how the people reacted to this sermon.”**

**Read Matthew 7:28-29.**

**“What was the people's reaction?”** (They were amazed.)

**“What was different about Jesus’ teachings?”** (He taught with authority.)

**“Why could Jesus teach with such authority?”** (He was God.)

***Beatitude Practice***

Divide the class into two groups. Have one group begin by saying the first part of the first beatitude. Have the next group respond with the promise that goes with that beatitude. Continue in this manner with all of the beatitudes. Then switch and have the group that said the promise, give the first part and the other group give the promise.

1. Jesus taught that when you give you should . . .
  - a. give in secret.
  - b. blow trumpets so people will see you.
  - c. let others know so they can honor you.
  
2. Jesus taught that when we pray we should . . .
  - a. stand on the street corner and pray loudly so everyone can hear.
  - b. pray long prayers with a lot of words.
  - c. pray in secret.
  
3. Jesus taught that when we fast we should . . .
  - a. look sad.
  - b. wear sack cloth and ashes.
  - c. not let others know we are fasting.
  
4. Jesus said that if we do these things in secret . . .
  - a. others won't be embarrassed.
  - b. God will know and reward us.
  - c. we will become famous.
  
5. We should have our treasure in heaven instead of on earth because . . .
  - a. it can get stolen on earth.
  - b. moths can't destroy it in heaven.
  - c. our heart will be where our treasure is.
  
6. We don't need to worry about food and clothes because . . .

- a. you can always find a sale somewhere.
  - b. others will take care of it.
  - c. God will take care of you.
7. Which apostle was a tax collector when Jesus met him?
- a. Peter
  - b. Philip
  - c. Matthew
8. What were Peter, Andrew, James, and John doing when Jesus called them?
- a. fishing
  - b. eating
  - c. going to the synagogue
9. What animal was used most often in travel in Bible times?
- a. donkeys
  - b. camels
  - c. horses
10. What was the name of the area where Jesus spent most of His time. Hint: Capernaum and Nazareth are in this area.
- a. Judea
  - b. Galilee
  - c. Samaria

## “Do Not Worry”

Do not worry about tomorrow  
for tomorrow will worry about itself.

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for tomorrow will worry about itself.

Do not worry about your life -  
what you will eat or drink.

Is not life more important than food  
and a body more than clothes?

Look at the birds of the air -  
they do not sow or reap or store away in barns.

Yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Do not worry about tomorrow  
for tomorrow will worry about itself.

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for tomorrow will worry about itself.

## “Where Your Treasure Is”

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth  
where moth and rust destroy,  
where thieves break in and steal.

For where your treasure is  
there your heart will also be.

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## Do To Others

Do to others,  
Do to others,  
What you would have them do to you.

Do to others,  
Do to others,  
What you would have them do to you.

For this sums up the law and the prophets,  
so in everything you do...

Do to others,  
Do to others,  
What you would have them do to you.

Repeat



## You Are the Light of the World

You are the light of the world.  
You are the light of the world.  
Let your light shine before men.  
You are the light of the world.

You are the light of the world.  
You are the light of the world.  
Let your light shine before men.  
You are the light of the world.

Let your light so shine  
That they may see your good works  
And glorify your father in heaven.

You are the light of the world.  
You are the light of the world.  
Let your light shine before men.  
You are the light of the world.

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You are the light of the world.

## Our Father in Heaven

Our Father, in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,  
But delivers us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever.

Our Father, in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name.

## Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness,  
And all these things will be added unto you.  
Singing allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and ye shall find.  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Singing allelu, alleluia!

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil,  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen