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# The Gospel of Matthew

WHY DID THE KING COME BUT NOT THE KINGDOM?

# Outline to the book of Matthew:

## I. The King Has Come 1:1-13:53

1. *The Incarnation and the preparation of the King 1:1 – 4:11*
2. *The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29*
3. *The Manifestation of the King 8:1 – 11:1*
4. *The Opposition to the King 11:2 – 13:53*

## II. The Kingdom Has Not 13:54-28:20

5. *The Reaction of the King, 13:54 – 19:2*
6. *The Formal Presentation and Rejection of the King, 19:3 – 25:46*
7. *The Crucifixion and the Resurrection of the King, 26:1 – 28:20*

\*\*\*Subpoints follow Stanley Toussaint's seven main divisions outlined in his commentary.

# I. THE KING HAS COME 1:1 – 13:53

The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29

(Matthew 5:1-12)

*“The Blessings of the Heirs of  
the Kingdom”*

# Outline:

1. Important questions
2. The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

- 1) Blessed are the poor in spirit, v. 3
- 2) Blessed are those who mourn, v. 4
- 3) Blessed are the meek, v. 5
- 4) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, v. 6
- 5) Blessed are the merciful v. 7

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

### 6) Blessed are the pure in heart, v. 8

- “pure in heart” = someone who has been made this way.
- Scripture is clear that no one is pure of heart or can achieve pureness in heart.
- This is however, the result of someone who is justified by faith.

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

6) Blessed are the pure in heart, v. 8

Reward:

- “For they shall see God.”
- This quality is shared by someone who has been declared righteous by God because of faith. The result is that they will see God.
- This reward is clearly taught in OT texts regarding the kingdom.
- God will dwell with His people.

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

6) Blessed are the pure in heart, v. 8

Application:

- Have you been made positionally “pure in heart?”
- Do you live practically in this position?



## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

### 7) Blessed are the peacemakers, v. 9

- Lit. a maker of peace.
- Someone who seeks peace in disagreements with others.
- This quality again has a tone related to forgiveness.

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

7) Blessed are the peacemakers, v. 9

Reward:

- “For they shall be called sons of God.”
- “they shall be called” is a future tense.
- Signifying that in the future (during the kingdom) is when this reward will occur.
- Throughout Scripture the mention of inheritance or reward is used to remind the believer to finish well.

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

7) Blessed are the peacemakers, v. 9

Application:

- The believer is a child of God.
- The believer must live at peace in the hostile world we live in.
- This was one of Paul's applications toward the end of Romans.

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

8) Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, v. 10

- This is in the context of Jesus' ministry in Matthew.
- Those who suffer for their association with the Messianic movement.

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

8) Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, v. 10

Reward:

- “For theirs is the kingdom of heaven”
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- All these qualities are to exist in the heir of the kingdom.
- The rewards are or will be theirs.
- These qualities are true and inevitable. Jesus is using them to develop His kingdom invitation for that generation.

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

8) Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, v. 10

Application:

- Can believers today suffer persecution?
- What is persecution?
- Do we focus on the glory ahead of us?

## 2- The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

9) Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.” vv. 11-12

- Note the irony... Jesus says you are blessed when they curse you.
- These verses have a tone of warning for those who would follow the Messianic movement.
- But there is encouragement that they are blessed despite their persecution.
- The implication is that they will face resistance and persecution so they shouldn't be discouraged away from Jesus when those things occur.

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Reward:

- “Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”
- Jesus then pronounces the reward in two facets.
- First, their reward is “great” and “in heaven”
- This is safeguarded and guaranteed by God, and received in the kingdom.
- Second, the prophets of old were persecuted in the same way and so they are in the greatest of company.



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Reward:

- Jesus is preparing His followers for the inevitable persecution they will face because of the growing rejection of the Messianic movement.
- Not much has changed regarding the world’s response to those who belong to Jesus.
- We MUST look forward to glory when we live this life.
- This life is “training for reigning.”

# I. THE KING HAS COME 1:1 – 13:53

The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29

(Matthew 5:13-20)

*“The Necessity of Law-Keeping  
for Israel’s restoration”*

## Outline:

1. The People's Purpose vv. 13-16
2. The Messiah's Purpose vv. 17-20

# 1- The People's Purpose vv. 13-16

## A. Observations:

- 2 Metaphors describing the purpose of the nation of Israel.
  - 1) “You are the salt of the earth” v. 13
    - The intended purpose of Israel v. 13a (cf. Ex. 19:5-6)
    - Missing the purpose v. 13b
    - The expected result v. 13c
    - “Thrown out” (cf. Deut. 29:27-29)
    - “and trampled underfoot by men.” (cf. Dan. 7:23-28; Lk. 21:24; Rev. 11:2)

# 1- The People's Purpose vv. 13-16

## A. Observations:

- 2 Metaphors describing the purpose of the nation of Israel.

2) “You are the light of the world.” v. 14

- The function of the chosen nation v. 14
- The implied assessment of 1st century Israel v. 15
- The charge to function properly v. 16

## 1- The People's Purpose vv. 13-16

### B. Summary/Application:

- God intended Israel to be an influence in the world. (this is pictured by the image of salt)
- God also (later in history relative to Jesus speaking these things) has the Church influencing the world.
- Are we making the same mistakes that Israel did?
- Israel has been used by God to shine His revelation and plan for creation to the rest of the world.
- The Church presently is steward to God's light.
- Are we shining? Or do we need to change our batteries?

## Outline:

1. The People's Purpose vv. 13-16
2. The Messiah's Purpose vv. 17-20

## 2- The Messiah's Purpose vv. 17-20

### A. Observations:

- The purpose stated v. 17
- The purpose emphasized v. 18
- The correction stated v. 19
- The rejection of the religious leader's righteousness v. 20



## 2- The Messiah's Purpose vv. 17-20

### B. Summary/Application:

- Jesus upheld the law.
- Jesus came to fulfill the righteousness of the law.
- Jesus promotes law keeping among the people.
- Jesus rejects the traditions of man negating the true intention of the law.
- This sets the frame of Jesus' following discussion on the law and the necessary corrections to the traditions promoted by the religious leaders.
- If Israel is to keep their salt and shine their light, it is necessary that they keep the law.

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