



SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Matthew 5-7



Filled With Challenges

- Be poor in spirit, merciful, hunger and thirst for righteousness, rejoice in the face of persecution, etc.
- Be the salt of the earth, light of the world.
- Love others, even those who treat us shamefully.
- Guard our hearts from lust; eliminate anything that causes us to sin.
- Be completely trustworthy in everything we say.
- Do good, not to please men, but to please God.
- Etc., etc.



But DO them we must!

- Matthew 5:19–20.
- Matthew 7:21–27.



Thankfully, this sermon is also
filled with INCENTIVES.

And so let's take a closer look.

Incentives



- Jesus offers the hope of a reward in heaven.
 - Matthew 5:10–12.
 - Hebrews 11:24–26.

Incentives



- Jesus warns us about the danger of being cast into hell.
 - Matthew 5:22, 29–30.
 - Mark 9:42–48.

Incentives



- Jesus offers us, then, the choice between life and destruction.
 - Matthew 7:13–14.
 - The same approach used much earlier by Moses: Deuteronomy 30:19–20.
 - Mark 16:16.

Incentives



- Nothing we do is ever done in secret.
 - Matthew 6:3–4, 6, 17–18.
 - Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 2:23.

Incentives



- Our heavenly Father will forgive us IF...
 - Matthew 6:12, 14–15.
 - Ephesians 4:32.

Incentives



- God will provide us what we need.
 - Matthew 6:11, 25–34.

Incentives



- We have the opportunity to build something that will last, something to withstand the storms of life.
 - Matthew 7:24–27.