

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT (MAT. 5)

At the 2nd Coming of Christ, the believing remnant will ask God to treat them graciously and Christ will usher them into the Kingdom with its New Covenant.

- a. God saves/delivers His friends and destroys His enemies in accord with the Abrahamic and Davidic Covenants. (Acts 3:18-26)
- b. Satan will be bound. (Rev. 20:1-3)
- c. Christ will reign through His Throne in Jerusalem. (Ezek. 37:24-28)
- d. Israel will be the head of the nations not the tail. (Deut. 28:13)
- e. Gentiles will be blessed with Israel and through her RISE, worshipping God together. (Is. 60)
- f. All creation will live in harmony. (Is. 11:6-9)
- g. In the Kingdom, sinners will be living under optimal conditions, removing all the excuses they use to try to escape God's judgment. (Rev. 20)

They will be operating under the New Covenant.

- a. It is a “new” Law covenant.
- b. It is made with the nation Israel. (Jer. 31:31, 35-37)
- c. It is enacted in accord with Daniel’s Time Schedule for Israel. (Jer. 31:31, 33)
- d. God puts the Law inside, He engraves it on the heart. (Jer. 31:33)
- e. It will be the basis for a new grace relationship between Israel and God. (Jer. 31:33)
- f. The Law will be universally apprehended, making it possible for them to teach it to the world. (Jer. 31:34)
- g. It is an everlasting covenant. (Jer. 32:40)
- h. It is empowered by the giving of the Holy Spirit. (Ezek. 36:26-27)
- i. It provides forgiveness of the nation’s sin. (Jer. 31:34)

Under the Optimal Conditions of the Kingdom with the Blessings of the New Covenant in Place:

1. Unlike the apostate nation in that day, the Kingdom will be structured around the whole Law of Moses, purified and fulfilled by Jesus Christ, being done and taught from Faith Righteousness, i.e., from the heart. (Mat. 5:17-20)
2. Therefore, the believing remnant must not be afraid to separate from the apostate religious system in Israel for they will be excluded from the Kingdom at the starting point--faith. (Mat. 5:17-20)
 - a. The Kingdom will be organized around those who honor the Law, not the leaders of that day who have buried the Law under the traditions of men.
 - b. For the most part the leaders of that day won't even enter into the Kingdom.
3. Contrary to the oral law of the apostate leaders, which buried Moses' Law under the traditions of men, the Law of Moses was always intended to be in the heart. (Deut. 5:29; 6:6-7; 11:18; 26:16; 30:10-14; 32:45-46)
4. National Israel's fundamental problem was not in their external acts, but in the condition of their hearts. They were uncircumcised of heart. (Deut. 10:16 comp. 30:6)

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5. The internal sins of the heart like anger that lead to the external sins of murder, are just as worthy of judgment if not more so. (Mat. 5:17-20).
 - therefore, they are to do whatever it takes to alleviate anger in their hearts and in the hearts of others.
6. The internal sins of the heart like lust that lead to the external sins of adultery are just as worthy of judgment if not more so. (Mat. 5:27-32)
 - Therefore, they are to at all costs alleviate lust in their hearts and the hearts of others.
 - Fallen humanity's answer of divorce in God's sight doesn't alleviate adultery it multiplies it.
7. Oath-making won't be necessary because what is true on the inside will be spoken on the outside. (Mat. 5:33-37)
8. The operating principle of retaliation is ruled out, leaving vengeance and justice to the Lord. (Mat. 5:38-42)
9. The operating principle of love is ruled in, hoping for the reconciling of all, even enemies. (Mat. 5:43-47)

THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM

11. The believing remnant, who will be going through an extreme period of suffering and persecution, needed to realize that this is another reason why they are “blessed.”
 - a. Who better to dispense God’s blessings in the Kingdom than those who knew what it was like to not have His blessings under the 5th Course of Punishment.
 - b. Who better to rule in the Kingdom but those who have experienced it blessings not under prosperity but under adversity!
 - b. Such people in the Kingdom will dispense God’s blessing abundantly lavishly, offering them to one and all.

12. And those who operate in this way in the Kingdom will be perfect/mature sons of God, doing what He has always done with the Nation of Israel on earth.