

^{5.1} When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain. After he sat down, his learners came to him. ² Then after Jesus opened his mouth, he taught them, saying,

³ “Privileged are those who are poor for the Spirit, because the Kingdom of the Heavens is theirs. ⁴ Privileged are those who are grieving, because they themselves will be helped. ⁵ Privileged are those who are humble, because they themselves will inherit the earth. ⁶ Privileged are those who are hungering and thirsting for righteousness, because they themselves will be fed. ⁷ Privileged are those who are merciful, because they themselves will receive mercy. ⁸ Privileged are those who are clean of heart, because they themselves will see the Creator. ⁹ Privileged are those who are peacemakers, because they themselves will be called the Creator’s children. ¹⁰ Privileged are those who are harassed on account of righteousness, because the Kingdom of the Heavens is theirs. ¹¹ Privileged are you whenever they criticize, harass, and speak every ugly thing about you on account of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because your reward is great in the heavens. For this is how they harassed the prophets before you.

¹³ You yourselves are the salt of the earth. But if salt might become foolish, then how will it be salty? It is useful for nothing except to be thrown out to be trampled by humans. ¹⁴ You yourselves are the light of the cosmos. A city is not able to be hidden while lying upon mountains. ¹⁵ And they are not burning a lamp and placing it under the measuring-basket, but placing it upon the lampstand and it is shining to all within the house. ¹⁶ Likewise, let your light shine before humans so they might see your beautiful practices and give glory to your Father who is in the heavens.

¹⁷ Do not assume that I came to overthrow the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to overthrow, but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For amen, I am saying to you, until heaven and earth pass away and all things have happened, not a single letter or mark will pass away from the Law. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commands and teaches others to do so, will be called ‘least’ by the Kingdom of the Heavens. But whoever practices and teaches these commands, will be called ‘great’ by the Kingdom of the Heavens. ²⁰ For I am saying to you, unless your righteousness abounds more than the scholars and Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of the Heavens.

²¹ You have heard it said by older-generations, ‘*You will not kill*’ and ‘*Whoever kills will be caught in the judgment.*’ ²² But I myself am saying to you, anyone who is angry at his brother will be caught in the judgment. And whoever might say to his brother, ‘*You are worthless,*’ will be caught by the Sanhedrin. And whoever might say, ‘*You are a moron,*’ will be caught in the fire of the Valley of Hinnom. ²³ Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother is having something against you, ²⁴ then leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go away and be reconciled with your brother and then come to offer your gift. ²⁵ Quickly be kind to your opponent whenever you are with him on the way. Or else your opponent will hand you over to the judge and the judge to the underworker and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Amen I am saying to you, you will not get out of there until you have given back the last coin.

²⁷ You have heard it said, ‘*You will not adulterize.*’ ²⁸ But I myself am saying to you, everyone who is looking at another with desire has already adulterized in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye is scandalizing you, then pull it out and throw it away from you. For it is helpful for you that one of your members is destroyed and your whole body is not thrown into the Valley of Hinnom. ³⁰ And if your right hand is scandalizing you, cut it off and throw it away from you. For it is helpful for you that one of your members is destroyed and your whole body does not go away into the Valley of Hinnom. ³¹ It was said, ‘*Whoever sends away his wife must give her a divorce-letter.*’ ³² But I myself am saying to you, everyone who is sending away his wife except for a pattern of prostitution, is making her adulterize. And whoever marries one who has been sent away is adulterizing.

³³ Again, you have heard that it was said by older-generations, ‘*You will not break-an-oath, but you will give back your oaths to the Lord.*’ ³⁴ But I myself am saying to you, do not make-an-oath at all. Not by heaven because it is the Creator’s throne. ³⁵ Not on the earth because it is the footstool for his feet. Not to Jerusalem because it is a city of the great king. ³⁶ Do not make-an-oath in your head because you are not able to make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Your word of ‘yes’ must be ‘yes,’ your word of ‘no’ must be ‘no.’ Any more than this is from the ugly one.

³⁸ You have heard it said, ‘*An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.*’ ³⁹ But I myself am saying to you, do not stand-against the ugly person. But whoever is hitting you on the right jaw, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ And to the one wanting to judge you and take your shirt, then release your coat to him as well. ⁴¹ And whoever is forcing-you-into-public-service for one mile, then go with him for two. ⁴² Give to the one who is asking you and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³ You have heard it said, ‘*You will love the one near to you and you will disown your enemy.*’ ⁴⁴ But I myself am saying to you, you must love your enemies and you must pray for those who harass you. ⁴⁵ Through this you will be children of your Father who is in the heavens. For he causes his sun to rise upon both the ugly and the good and he sends-rain upon both the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, then what reward do you have? Even the tax-collectors do the same. ⁴⁷ And if you are kind only to your brothers, then what are you doing that is special? Even the ethnicities do the same. ⁴⁸ Therefore, you yourselves must be mature as your Father who is in the heavens is mature.

^{6.1} Pay attention! Do not practice your righteousness in front of humans to be seen by them. But if you do not, then you are not having a reward from your Father who is in the heavens.

² Therefore, whenever you practice being merciful, do not sound-a-trumpet in front of yourself, as the hypocrites are practicing in the synagogues and in the streets so they will be glorified by humans. Amen, I am saying to you, they are fully-receiving their reward. ³ While you are practicing being merciful, your left hand must not know what your right hand is practicing. ⁴ So that your merciful-action might be hidden and your Father, who sees what is hidden, will repay you.

⁵ Whenever you are praying, you must not be like the hypocrites because they are loving to pray while standing in the synagogues and on street corners so that they might be seen by humans. Amen, I am saying to you, they are fully-receiving their reward. ⁶ And whenever you yourself pray, go away into your room and close your door to pray to your Father in hiding and your Father, who sees what is hidden, will repay you. ⁷ While praying, you must not babble like the ethnicities, for they are thinking they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Therefore, you must not be like them. For your Father perceives what need you are having before you ask him. ⁹ Therefore, you must pray like this:

‘Our Father, who is in the heavens, may your name be holy,¹⁰ may your Kingdom come, may your will be done—as in heaven also upon earth.¹¹ Give us our necessary bread on this day.¹² Forgive us what we owe in the way we ourselves forgave those who owe us.¹³ And you should not carry us into a test, but pull us away from the ugly one.’

¹⁴ For if you forgive the failures of humans, then your heavenly Father will also forgive you.¹⁵ But if you do not forgive humans, then your Father will not forgive your failures.

¹⁶ Whenever you fast, do not become like the grouchy hypocrites. For they make their faces invisible so that their fasting might be seen by humans. Amen, I am saying to you, they are fully-receiving their reward.¹⁷ But while you are fasting, put oil on your head and wash your face.¹⁸ So that your fasting will not be seen by humans, but by your hidden Father. Then your Father, who sees what is hidden, will repay you.

¹⁹ Do not store up for yourselves storages upon the earth, where moth and decay are destroying and where thieves are breaking-in and stealing.²⁰ Store up for yourselves storages in heaven, where moth and decay are not destroying and where thieves are not breaking-in and stealing.²¹ For where your storage is, there your heart will be also.²² The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, if your eye is focused, then your whole body will be enlightened.²³ But if your eye is distorted, then your whole body will be darkened. Therefore, if the light within you is darkness, then the darkness will be great.²⁴ No one is able to be a slave of two lords. For either he will disown the one and he will love the other or he will pay-attention to the one and ignore the other. You are not able to be a slave to the Creator and to Mammon.

²⁵ Because of this I am saying to you, do not be anxious for your soul—about what you might eat or what you might drink—and do not be anxious for your body—what you might wear. Is the soul not more than food and the body more than clothing?²⁶ You must watch-carefully the birds of heaven because they are not scattering-seed nor are they harvesting nor are they gathering into storehouses. Your heavenly Father is feeding them. You yourselves are not differing from them!²⁷ And which of you by being anxious is able to increase his lifespan by one measure?²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Be learners of the flowers of the field! How are they growing? They are not working-hard and spinning-cloth!²⁹ But I am saying to you, that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these flowers.³⁰ If this is how the Creator is clothing the grass of the field, which is here today and thrown into the oven tomorrow, then it is not more than he will clothe you, you of little faith!³¹ Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’³² The ethnicities are obsessing about all these things. For your heavenly Father knows that you are needing all these things.³³ You must first seek his Kingdom and his righteousness and then all these things will be provided for you.³⁴ Therefore, you must not be anxious about tomorrow. Tomorrow will be anxious for itself. The struggle for today is enough.

^{7.1} Do not judge, so you might not be judged.² For with the judgment you are judging, you will be judged. And with the measure you are measuring, it will be measured to you.³ Why are you seeing the twig in the eye of your brother, but you are not considering the log in your own eye?⁴ How will you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the twig in your eye,’ and look, there is a log in your own eye?⁵ Hypocrite! First remove the log from your own eye and then you will see-clearly to remove the twig from your brother’s eye.⁶ Do not give what is holy to dogs and do not throw your pearls before pigs. If you do, then they will trample those things with their feet and then, turning, they will take you down.⁷ Ask and it will be given to you. Seek and you will find. Knock and it will be opened for you.⁸ For everyone asking is receiving. Everyone seeking is finding. And it will be opened for the one knocking.⁹ Or if the son of a person among you will ask for bread, he will not give to him a stone.¹⁰ Or if he also will ask for a fish, he will not give him a serpent.¹¹ If then, you who are being ugly, know to give good gifts to your children, then how much more will your Father who is in the heavens give good things to those who are asking him?¹² Therefore, in all things whatever you want humans to do to you, like this you yourselves must also do to them. For this is the Law and the Prophets.

¹³ Enter through the narrow gate. Because the gate is wide and the way which leads to destruction is easy and there are many who are entering through it.¹⁴ But the gate is narrow and the way which leads to life is oppressive and there are few who find it.

¹⁵ Pay attention because of the false prophets! They are coming to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are consuming wolves.¹⁶ You will know them because of their fruits. They are not collecting grapes from thorn-bushes or figs from thistles!¹⁷ Likewise, every healthy tree is making beautiful fruits while every rotten tree is making ugly fruits.¹⁸ A healthy tree is not able to make ugly fruits and a rotten tree is not able to make beautiful fruits.¹⁹ Every tree not making beautiful fruit is being cut down and thrown into the fire.²⁰ Therefore, you will indeed recognize them because of their fruits.

²¹ Not everyone who is saying to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the Kingdom of the Heavens—but only the one who is practicing the will of my Father who is in the heavens.²² Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy with your name, throw out demons with your name, and do many powerful things with your name?!’²³ Then I will confess to them, ‘I never knew you. Go away from me, you who are working lawlessness.’

²⁴ Therefore, everyone who is listening to these words of mine and is practicing them will be like a thoughtful man who built his house upon the rock.²⁵ The rain came down, the rivers came, and the winds blew and fell against that house. But it did not collapse because it had been founded upon the rock.²⁶ Everyone who is listening to these words of mine and is not practicing them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand.²⁷ The rain fell, the rivers came, and the winds blew and fell against that house. Then it collapsed and its collapse was great.”

²⁸ When Jesus finished these words, the crowds were stunned by his teaching.²⁹ For he was teaching them like one having authority and not like their scholars.