

Listening Guide

I. Review and Introduction to Additional Material in Matthew

[1] What will we do in this lesson?

[2] What three of Jesus' sermons were not commented on in previous lessons?

a.

b.

c.

II. Interpretations of the Sermon on the Mount

[3] What are there so many interpretations to the Sermon on the Mount?

A. Historical Overview

[4] How many “main” approaches to the Sermon on the Mount are there?

Option: You may want to name the five options below for future reference, but as you will see, Dr. Blomberg presents a sixth view in the next section that he will develop in this lesson.

B. Kingdom Theology

[5] Which view did Dr. Blomberg say, “commands considerable consensus of scholars today”?

[6] What two important explanations did Dr. Blomberg give about how the sermon’s teachings are to be followed?

a. It IS addressed to disciples living...

b. And it ... RULES OUT...

III. Teachings from the Sermon on the Mount

A. Brief Outline

[7] Take a moment to digest Dr. Blomberg’s diagrams of the Sermon.

Introduction – 9 – B

A.

B.

C.

Conclusion – 3 – I

NOTE also that Luke records a shorter version of the Sermon on the Mount in Luke 6:17-49

B. Salt and Light

[8] As “salt” Christians are to be...

[9] As “lights” Christians are to be...

C. Thesis Paragraph

[10] If Jesus did not come to abolish the Law or to preserve it, what did He intend to do with it?

[11] “Jesus is not allowing the Law to stand in terms of its...

[12] If Jesus' authoritative style of teaching is not an "explicit claim for deity" it does demonstrate...

D. The Antitheses

[13] These last three commands must be interpreted against their – What?

[14] About what?

E. Hypocritical Piety

[15] What point was Jesus teaching in this section on hypocritical piety?

F. The Lord's Prayer (Mt 6:9-13)

[16] What may be a better name for the Lord's Prayer?

[17] What are the two halves of the Lord's Prayer?

G. Wealth and Worry

[18] What danger did Jesus address here?

H. Decisions

[19] What is the major point of Jesus' command about judging?

[20] How do we balance the idea that God will give us whatever WE want?

[21] What are the only two choices Jesus gave (gives) His hearers?

IV. Additional Teachings

A. Missionary Discourse

[22] What is important to note about Jesus' instruction to His disciples in this "Sermon on Mission"?

[23] How is the second half of the “Sermon on Mission” different from the first half?

B. Sermon on Humility and Forgiveness

[24] In what two ways did Jesus address humility here?

a. “first the need for...

b. “and also...

[25] In what two ways did Jesus address forgiveness?

a. Verses 15-20 deal with what happens...

b. The following verses, 21-35...

[26] What do verses 15-18 provide the basis for?

[27] What is the extremely important point that Jesus made here?

Reflection

Record one new fact or insight you discovered in this lesson.

Application

Review Point III. H. “Decisions” point 3. and consider the decision you have made about obeying Jesus’ teaching (or not). Most Christians readily admit the ongoing struggle to faithfully keep their commitment to their sincere decision to obey Jesus and follow His teaching. It is a decision that must be made on a regular basis, and when we violate it, we must repent, ask God’s forgiveness and recommit ourselves to obedience.