

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Lecture Notes: Structural analysis and outline of the Sermon

I. Analysis and Outline of the Sermon

A. Skeletal facts in discussion

1. the Place of the Sermon in the Lord's Ministry
 - a. Feature of centrality
 - b. Concept of the King and His subjects
2. The Organization ideal: the Sermon (as we call it) is built around the concept of what the truths are regarding the King's people...this relates both to character and behaviour, etc.
 - a. The Beattitudes...the quality of life
 - b. The Antitheses....Action that is right, not just expedient
 - c. Practice of spiritual Exercise...godly conduct in godly ways
 - d. Setting life values in terms of being
 - e. Instructions for living practically
 - f. Warning and guidelines

B. An Outline:

- I. The Lord's People 5:1-20
 - A. Character 1-12
 - B. Expression 15-16
 - C. Charge 17-20
- II. The Tests of Honest Performance 5:21-48
 - A. Living with the brethren 5:21-26
 - B. Being morally upright 5:27-32
 - C. Speaking Truth 5:33-37
 - D. Dealing justly 5:38-42
 - E. Living Honestly 5:43-48
- III. Maturing Spiritually 6:1-34
 - A. Giving 6:1-4
 - B. Praying 6:5-15
 - C. Communing 6:16-18
 - D. Assessing 6:19-34
(treasure, masters, goods)
- IV. Walking openly 7:1-20
 - A. Judging 7:1-5
 - B. Serving 7:6
 - C. Receiving 7:7-12