

BIBLICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

NT712...Sermon on the Mount

--An exegetical study of Matthew 5-7 with consideration of parallel passages. Special attention given to interpretation and further influence of the Sermon in the epistles of the New Testament. Prerequisite for MDiv students: NT504. Three hours.

Assignments:

All students: Read the passage (Matthew 5-7) once a week for the duration of the quarter. Ten times...It would be good if you did it aloud every other time but I am not requiring this. The point is to have a relative mastery of what is said where.

Read the commentary of M. Lloyd-Jones. This is to be completed by the end of the quarter. No report required.

Read the commentary of Robert Guelich. You will need to read this in conjunction with the class progress in the study. (Work outline follows.) There are some things we need to discuss, comment on and critique in this work so it is important that you be up to date in the reading of it at all times.

English Bible students: Prepare an analytical outline for the entire sermon.

Prepare three papers, not more than five pages in length, not less than three, from the following subjects:

- The concept of forgiveness in the Sermon
- The meaning of earthly goods
- Entrance into the heavenly kingdom
- The significance of the Beattitudes
- "Casting pearls before swine"
- How the "Golden Rule" fulfills the law and the prophets.
- Teachings about judging and judgment of others
- Reacting to your enemies
- The certainty of the teachings of Jesus.

That is, you select three of these and the papers are on them. You may wish to retitle your work but those are the areas of study. The first of these (whatever you decide upon) is due April 3. Others at quarter's end.

MDiv students: You are to translate the entire sermon--the text of Matthew 5-7. Your translation along with suitable exegetical notes (I will explain what I want in form) will be due at the end of the quarter.

The Mid-semester examination will be March 31..that is early but it will beat the rush. You will be accountable for all class work and the MDiv people will be accountable for the Greek of Matthew 5.

The final exam will be cumulative.

Grading: Exams ½ each. Papers (together) ½. Greek work ½ Class preparedness and participation ½. No grading for reading the texts...we just don't give credit for the work if you don't read them! Wow!