

II. EXTENDED NOTES FOR LECTURE AND DISCUSSION

A. The Old Testament in the Sermon on the Mount

1. Observe the content of chapter 4 in an introductory sort of way...the temptation in the wilderness...note the Old Testament used in this passage

<u>Direct citations</u>	<u>possible allusions</u>
4:4 (Jesus)	4:2
4:6 (Satan)	4:11
4:7 (Jesus)	
4:10 (Jesus)	
4:14-16 (Matthew)	

--all of which just goes to illustrate how firmly the narrative portions of the New Testament are rooted in the Old Testament.

2. The "Key" to the Sermon: Matthew 5:17-20
 - a. Jesus attitude towards the sacred writings 5:17-18
 - b. Instruction for others regarding the writings 5:19-20
The Lord is certifying the integrity of the Scripture and the necessity of our sharp observation of its principles and practices.
3. The Beatitudes: Matthew 5:3-12
(is the mountain significant?)
 - 5:3.....Psalm 34:18
 - 5:4.....Isa 57:18; 61:2-3
 - 5:5.....Psalm 37:11
 - 5:6.....Psalm 18:20
 - 5:7.....Psalm 18:25
 - 5:8.....Psalm 24:4
 - 5:9
 - 5:10.....Psalm 18:20 (Isa 58:8)
 - 5:11
 - 5:12.....a general allusion to a commonly understood point.
The above are probably not all citations but indications of similarity of thought between the Testaments. It does tell us that the ethical teaching of Jesus is a sharper and perhaps more personal development of the basic concepts of holiness as seen by God. The use of the Psalms should not surprise us as it is in the Psalter that we discover more of what people are and what they should be. But the unity of the ideals of Scripture is plainly seen in such studies as this.
4. The Antithetical sections of Chapter 5....important in many ways but particularly since it is sometimes thought Jesus is correcting the law.