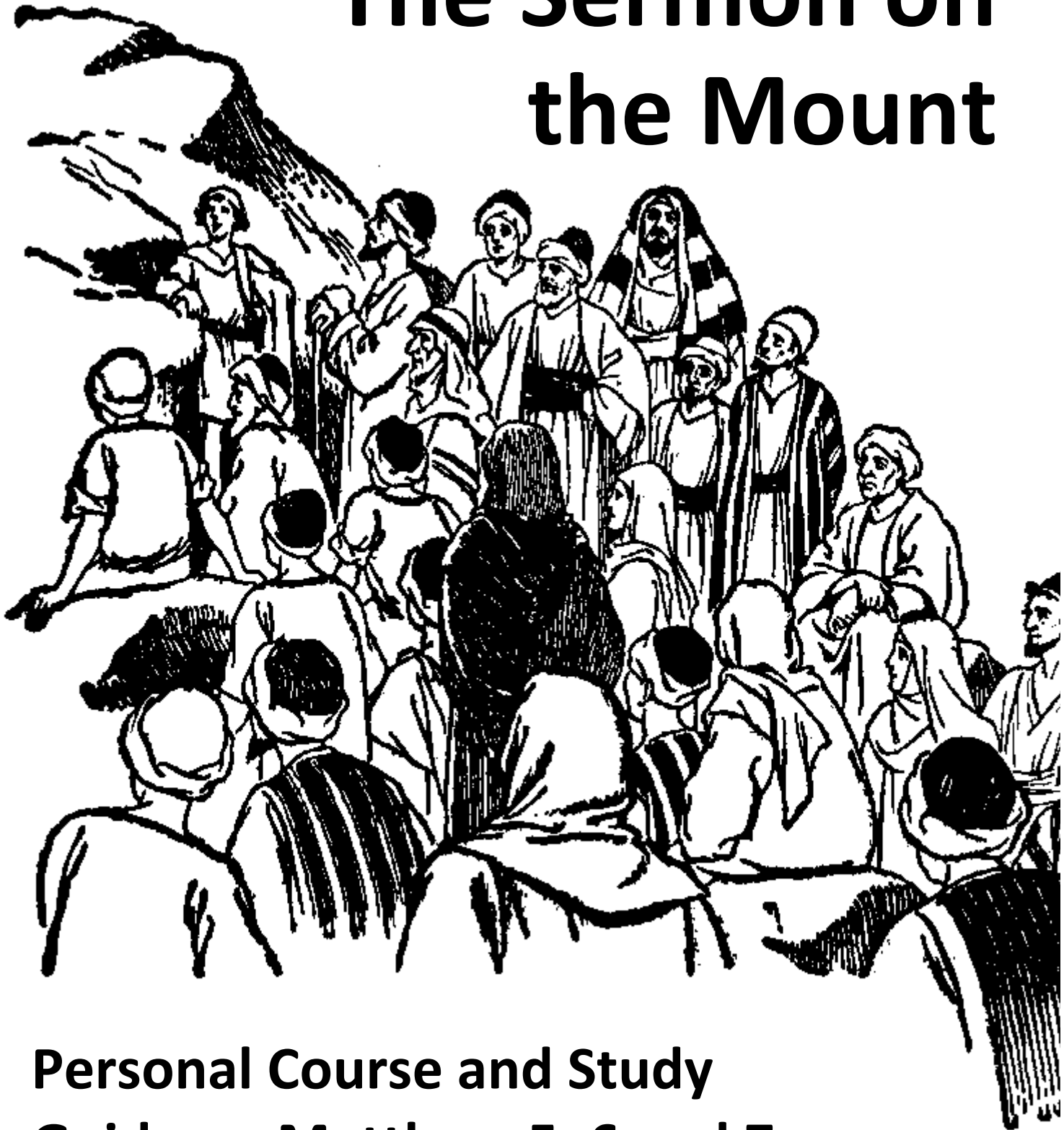


The Sermon on the Mount



**Personal Course and Study
Guide on Matthew 5, 6 and 7**

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Matthew 5, 6 and 7

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Matthew 5: 1, 2 - Introduction

- This was more of a “teaching” than a “sermon.”
- Jesus’ purpose was to impart and teach, not just give an oratory speech.
- Therefore, for our purposes in this class, we will be referring to Matthew 5, 6 and 7 no longer as the “Sermon on the Mount” but rather we will refer to it as Jesus’ “Teaching on the Mount.”
- Background Information:
 - Took place on a hillside on the north side of the Sea of Galilee. The actual place was actually called “Mount Eremos.” - desert, desolate, solitary, wilderness.
 - Read Matthew 4:23-25, to get a better understanding of the “atmosphere” of that time concerning Jesus.
 - We can also read a similar teaching in Luke 6. That teaching was given at a different time and place. The precepts of this teaching were so important that Jesus taught it at least twice in two different places.
- What is a disciple? - *It is a student, a pupil; one who changes their lifestyle to the one that they are choosing to follow.*

Matthew 5:3 - 12 - The “Beatitudes” - The blessings

- Blessed - *Happy, joyful, spiritually, prosperous to the point of being envied by others.*
 - The whole point of these blessings is twofold -
 - 1) We will experience the wonderful things of God within our lives - Deuteronomy 28 - the blessings of keeping the Law
 - 2) To allow others to see how good God is to His people so that others would want that same relationship with God - this was the original purpose of the Jewish people. This is now to be the purpose of the Christian - to provoke others to jealousy, Jew and Gentile alike.
- Each one of these remarks by Jesus was not foreign to His listeners. He took each one right from the principles and scriptures that are found in the Jewish scriptures as we will see.
- The word “blessed” is used 9 times - In Hebrew literature when a word, phrase, or thought is expressed more than once in the same context, the writer is bringing the point to the reader or listener, “exponentially.” - “blessed” to the ninth power = blessed x 1,000,000,000 (one billion) will be the blessings upon those that follow this lifestyle - those who have this kind of “attitude of the heart” towards God.
- Three aspects of each “beatitude/blessing”
 - 1) The declaration of the fact that there is a blessing to be experienced by those who listen, obey, and make the characteristic that Jesus is about to express as being a part of the “attitude of the their heart” and making it a part of the lifestyle - *“Blessed are...”*
 - 2) The precise “heart change” to be taken by the individual in expressing their desire for God
 - 3) The blessing that will be *experienced* because of that “heart change” within the individual’s life.