

December 21, 2025



Week 16 – THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT, PART 6 (Mt 7:15-29, pp. 123-129)

The Sermon on the Mount is one of the most famous “sermons” that Jesus delivers. In the sermon, Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven. The sermon goes from Matthew 5 through Matthew 7.

In Part 1 of the Sermon we read the “**Beatitudes**” and learned about the true nature of BLESSING. In Part 2, we read about **God’s Law** and its fulfillment in Christ. In Part 3, we learned about the proper practice of **Giving, Praying and Fasting** which orient us toward a life of faith; and in Part 4, Jesus focused specifically on **our relationship to money and possessions** and our temptation to treasure them above God. In Part 5 of the Sermon, Jesus spoke about **our responsibility to love and pray for one another**; and today in Part 6, Jesus concludes His sermon with encouragement to **bear good fruit and build our lives on the Word of Christ**.

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Jesus opens this section of His sermon speaking about false prophets. **Explain the warning Jesus gives about false prophets:** _____

What dangers do false teachers pose to the church today? _____

How are God’s people to discern between true and false teachers?

In addition to the concern about false teachers, Jesus also offers a warning to those who falsely confess their faith. **What exactly is Jesus warning about?** _____

Jesus says “the one who does the will of my Father” will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. **Who alone does the will of the Father?** _____

How do Christians “do the will of the Father” so that the Kingdom of Heaven is opened to them? _____

Finally, Jesus speaks about putting His Word into practice. **What image does Jesus use to describe those who do and those who do not put His Word into practice?** _____

In what ways does a life lived in obedience to God’s Word bring strength and stability to a person? _____

Is Jesus teaching that we are saved by our works? Why or why not?

How should the people of God balance the confession that we are saved by grace and the call to do good works? _____

For Next Time:

Week 17 – JESUS HEALS THE SICK (Mt 8:1-17, pp. 131-137)