

LESSON #9  
**KINGDOM LIVING – MATTHEW 5**

**Summary:** Jesus instructed His own disciples about how to live as citizens of heaven on the earth. His kingdom is radically different than the current culture, and so you, as a disciple, must be radically different as well.

**Context of Matthew 5:**

- Jesus emerged from baptism/the wilderness to begin public ministry.
- He called His twelve disciples.
- Multitudes came for deliverance and to see if He could be Messiah.
- This message was overheard by the crowds but intended for followers.

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Jesus begins to lay out what kingdom living looks like, communicating how His Father's kingdom operates, in contrast to the worldly kingdoms.

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Jesus begins to expound on certain kinds of people who live what God calls a life of blessing and fortune.

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- **1 Corinthians 1:3-5**

Verse 5 - *"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."*

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- **Psalms 37:11**

Pure in heart is not to just perform right actions, but to keep the inward life clean – thoughts, motives, affections – knowing that God sees all.

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- **1 John 3:2-3**

We live in our true kingdom nature when we bring peace to conflict.

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If you are going to claim blessing for being persecuted, be sure to examine yourself to see if it is truly for righteousness' sake.

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- **Acts 5:40-41**
- **2 Timothy 3:12**

God created you to be salt and light as a disciple. The enemy tempts us to hide in fear and to compromise our holiness.

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Love fulfills the Law of Moses, and moral law, which is still in effect.

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Murder is death and division, and anger is the seed of murder.

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- **1 John 3:14-15**

The love of God is married to the love of others.

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Do you want to be totally free? This is the way.

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This is how our Dad is. This is how we act in this family.

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