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# Which Sayings?

- It certainly could be the Entire Gospel from Matthew to Revelation? –
- *And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him — the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. Jn. 12:47-49*
- *make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; Mt 28:19-20*
- But there is a narrower context to be considered?

# A Narrower View of “*These Sayings*”

- Seeing the multitudes, **He went up on a mountain**, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. 2 Then He **opened His mouth and taught them, SAYING: 5:1**
- 24 Therefore whoever **hears these SAYINGS of Mine**, and does them, ... 7:24
- 26 But everyone who **hears these SAYINGS of Mine**, and does not do them, ... 7:26
- 28 And so it was, **when Jesus had ended these SAYINGS**, that the people were **astonished at His teaching**, 29 for **He taught them as one having authority**, and not as the scribes. 7:28-29
- When **He had come down from the mountain**, great multitudes followed Him. 8:1

# Why Does it Matter?

- He went up on the mountain ... sayings ... came down from the mountain.
- If it is just the sermon on the mount, then it is very similar to 2Pet 1. It takes the entire gospel and breaks it down into an easy way to memorize and assess how we are doing.
- If “*these things*” = The sermon on the Mount then Jesus has given us a condensed version of all our responsibilities as a Christian.
- Instead of 27 books, hundreds of chapters and pages we have three chapters and less than four pages.

# Sermon on Mount = These Sayings of Mine

- Blessed are (8 things).... Mt 5:3-12
- You are Salt and Light 5:12-16
- You have heard... but I Say (6 things)... 5:17-48
- Don't do righteousness before men(3) 6:1-18
- Lay not treasures on earth but in heaven 6:19-34
- Judge not lest you be judged. 7:1-5
- Do unto Others . . . 7:6
- Ask Seek & Knock 7:7-11
- We must choose between: 2 Gates; 2 Ways;  
2 Prophets; 2 Disciples; & 2 Foundations 7:13-27
- 1<sup>st</sup> we MUST Hear these sayings 2<sup>nd</sup> We must do





# Our Righteousness before Men

- *Take heed that you do not do your righteousness before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. Mt 6:1*
  - Do your **good deeds (alms)**
  - When you **Pray**
  - When you **Fast**
  - in secret so only your Father can see
- **Hears & Do:** **Wise Man - Rock**
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# Treasures not on Earth but in Heaven

- Where is our treasure? It is where our heart is!
- If we see this with a single eye (not double vision) we are full of light.
- Can't serve two masters without holding to one or despising the other.
- Don't be anxious for life, clothing, food / drink
- Birds do not sow or reap and they are fed.
- Your Father knows you need these things.
- Seek first God's Kingdom & Righteousness.
- Do not be anxious for tomorrow.
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# Judge not lest you be judged

- With judgment you judge you will be judged.
- The measure you mete will be meted back.
- Find your own faults before pointing out those you see in others
- If we see and remove our own faults we can see clearly to help others remove theirs.
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# Asking

# Seeking

# Knocking

- Those who ask Receive
- Those who seek Find
- Those who knock will have doors opened.
- Then repeats more strongly:
- Every one who asks receives
- He who seeks finds.
- To him that knocks it shall be opened.
- If our child asks for something we give it.
- If we being evil act like this... How much more will God as our Father bless us?

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# Do unto Others

- THEREFORE
- (connecting obedience to promise)
- Ask, Seek & Knock - Given, Find, Be Opened are contingent on this command.
- All that you want others to do to you
- Do to them
- This is the Law and the prophets.
- Mt 22:36-40 All law hangs on...Loving neighbor as self . . .

# Strive to make the Right Choices!

- **2 Gates / 2 Paths** Wide & Broad to destruction. Narrow and Straitened to eternal life.
- **2 Teachers** (1) True prophets revealed by Word.
- (2) False Prophets in sheep's clothing seen by fruits.
- **2 Disciples** (1) call Jesus Lord/do Father's will.
- (2) Many disciples will hear "*Depart I never knew you!*" because did not do the Father's will.
- **2 Foundations**
- We build on rock if we hear and Do
- We build on sand if we hear and do not!

# The Sermon on the Mount

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  - **It is well worth our time to often assess our lives by this sermon and see what we lack.**