

December 28

Matthew

1-4 Affirming Jesus' Royalty vs Satan's Temptations

4 Invitation—Come, *Follow Me*

Dec 21 – *A History of Christmas*

5 True Righteousness in *Love*

6 Treasure & Lord's Prayer

7 Authority Acknowledged

8 Every Life Valued – Jesus Heals

9 Mercy Extended – Jesus Heals, Raises Dead

10 Loyalty Tested – Sends 12 Out

11 Confronting Doubts – John the Baptist
Father Revealed in the Son

12 Rejecting Legalism – Sabbath & Satan

13 Judgment Coming – Parable of Sower

Christ in the Storm on the
Lake of Galilee, 1633
Rembrandt (1606-1669)

Matthew, c. 1625
by Frans Hal



Sea
of Galilee

Matthew 5:3 Blessed are the
poor in spirit, for theirs is
the Kingdom of Heaven

Love is in the air

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After our trek thru Deuteronomy ... and thru Matthew 1-4

We come to some of the most precious, revered & rewarding words

Even **REVOLUTIONARY** words of our Lord Jesus Christ

We LOVE these words yet RARELY . . . If EVER . . .

RARELY . . . If EVER . . . Deal these Precious Words **STRAIGHT**

Bless our Quarterly & Vast Host of Great Studies

Yet the **KINDEST**, Most Revolutionary Words in Matthew 5

- ✓ SHOOK the N.T. Jewish World – well, *not really*
- ✓ SHOULD've shook their world IF – IF they had LISTENED
- ✓ Instead, Jesus' Kindness was HATED to the Cross

We look back – have trouble TODAY – only **FAITH** can reconcile

We HEAR the SWEET Promises – but MISS the **Impossibilities**

We **LOVE** the **LOVING** – but Fail Miserably in the **PERFECTION**



Kinda reminds me of a song ...

***Love Is in the Air* – 1977 disco song by
Australian singer John Paul Young**

Written by George Young & Harry Vanda

Lead single from Young's fourth studio album

Worldwide hit in 1978

#3 on Australian Charts – # 5 on UK Singles Chart

#7 in USA – 2 weeks #1 on Adult Contemporary Chart

**Young sung it at the opening 2000 Olympics in Sydney
then opening of 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy**

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Everywhere I look around

Love is in the air

Every sight and every sound



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3-12 **Beatitudes** – Latin “*Blessings*” from Church Fathers

1873, Charles Spurgeon began a series on the **Beatitudes**

The 7 Beatitudes before us relate to character ...

the 8th is a benediction upon the persons described
in the seven Beatitudes when their excellence
has provoked the hostility of the wicked; and,

therefore, the 8th may be regarded as a confirming and
summing up of the 7 blessings which precede it....

The whole seven describe a Perfect Character,
and make up a Perfect Benediction.



Charles H. Spurgeon
by Alexander Melville
(1834-1892)

Matthew 5:3-12 –**The Beatitudes**

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Each blessing is precious separately,

ay, more precious than much fine gold;

But we do well to regard them, as a whole,

for as a whole they were spoken, and from that view

they are a wonderfully perfect chain of

SEVEN PRICELESS LINKS,

put together with such consummate art as only

our heavenly Bezalel, the Lord Jesus, ever possessed.

Bezalel – Exodus 31, 36 & 39 – chief architect of the
Tabernacle & builder of the Ark of the Covenant



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**No such instruction in the art of blessedness
can be found anywhere else.**

**The learned have collected 288 different opinions of
the ancients with regard to happiness,
and there is NOT ONE which hits the mark**

**but our Lord has, in a few telling sentences,
told us all about it**

**without using a solitary redundant word,
or allowing the slightest omission.**



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The Seven Golden sentences are

Perfect as a whole,

and each one occupies its appropriate place.

**Together they are a Ladder of Light,
each one is a step of Purest Sunshine.**

**These 7 Simple-Sounding Blessings – ALL LOVE
Yet EACH one's meaning is both earthy
also reaching *Heaven* in *Excellence***



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Love Is in the Air – 1977 disco song by
Australian singer John Paul Young

Love is in the air
In the whisper of the trees
Love is in the air
In the thunder of the sea

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Matthw chap 5 – Pt 1 of 3 – **Sermon on the Mount**

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codicil of
LOVE

WHAT does “Be **PERFECT**” mean?

5:48 Be **PERFECT** ... as your heavenly Father is **PERFECT**.

1st **τέλειοι** used **5x** in N.T. among 19 variations

2nd **τέλειός** used **3x** in N.T. among 19 variations

Easy to see the ROOT is **Telos** – “End” in Teleology or Telemetry

Philosophy – Teleology = “rightness from ENDS of the choice”

Deontology = “rightness inherent in the choice”

Looks at the END – as in the growth of plant or man or woman

Translated “Perfect” as in **COMPLETE**, fully **Mature**, Full **Grown**, **FINISHED**

James 3:2 **We all stumble in many ways.**

**Anyone who is never at fault in what they say
is **PERFECT**, able to keep their whole body in check.**

Now in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus raises the standard

Jesus says we must be **PERFECT, Done & as **FINISHED** as **GOD****



Matthw 5 – Pt 1 **Sermon on the Mount**

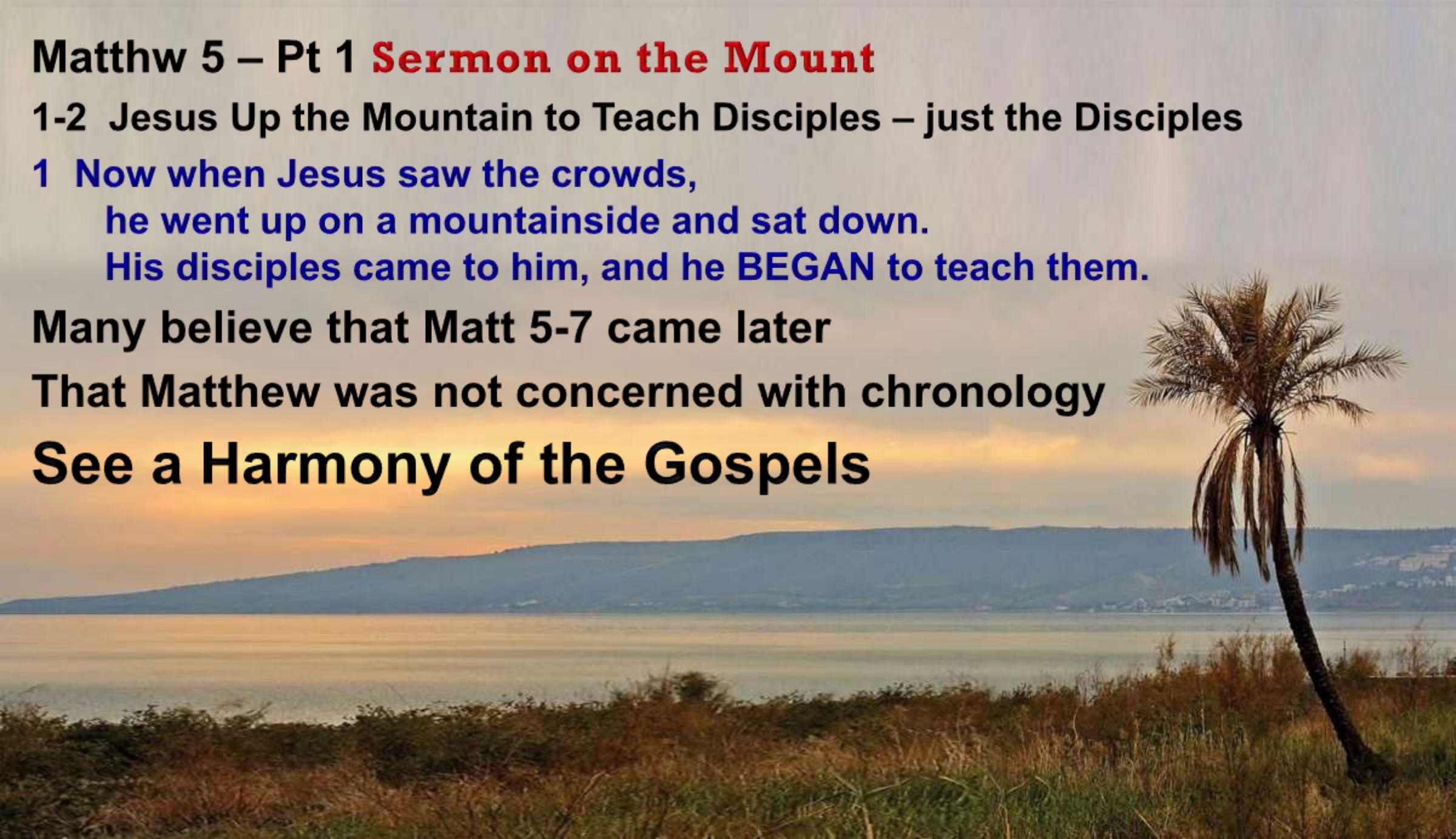
1-2 Jesus Up the Mountain to Teach Disciples – just the Disciples

1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds,
he went up on a mountainside and sat down.
His disciples came to him, and he BEGAN to teach them.

Many believe that Matt 5-7 came later

That Matthew was not concerned with chronology

See a Harmony of the Gospels



(2) The Year of Popularity

(see 4308d)

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64. The catch of fish	5:4–9
65. The demoniac healed	1:23–28	4:33–37
66. Peter's mother-in-law healed	8:14–15	1:29–31	4:38–39
67. Later Galilean ministry	4:23–25	1:38–39	4:43–44
68. The leper healed	8:2–4	1:40–42	5:12–13
69. The return to Capernaum	2:1–2
70. The paralytic healed	9:2–8	2:2–12	5:18–26
71. Matthew called	9:9	2:13–14	5:27–28
72. The second Passover	5:1
73. The man at the pool healed	5:2–9
74. The discourse on his divinity	5:17–47
75. The discourse on the Sabbath	12:1–8	2:23–28	6:1–5
76. Healing the shriveled hand	12:9–13	3:1–5	6:6–10
77. The pharisees oppose him	12:14	3:6	6:11
78. Many healed near Galilee	12:15	3:7–12
79. The Twelve ordained	10:1–4	3:10–10	6:12–10
80. The Sermon on the Mount	Chs. 5–7	6:20–49
81. In Capernaum	3:5	7:1
82. The centurion's servant healed	8:5–13	7:2–10
83. At Nain	7:11
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Codicil to The Law



codicil of
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Australian singer John Paul Young

And I don't know if I'm just dreaming

Don't know if I feel sane

But it's something that I must **BELIEVE IN**

And it's there when

YOU call out my name

Yes, I do believe . . .

Love is in the air

Love is in the air . . . oh-oh-oh



Matthw 5 – Pt 1 **Sermon on the Mount**

3-12 The Beatitudes – Codicil on Attitudes of **LOVE**

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit,

1st of 7

for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn,

2nd of 7

for they will BE COMFORTED.

5 Blessed are the meek,

3rd of 7

for they will INHERIT THE EARTH.

6 Blessed are those who hunger & thirst for righteousness,

4th of 7

for THEY WILL BE FILLED.

Oh, we could labor on these in Love

for 100 years



Matthw 5 – Pt 1 **Sermon on the Mount**

3-12 The Beatitudes – Codicil on Attitudes of **LOVE**

7 Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be **SHOWN MERCY.** **5th of 7**

8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will **SEE GOD.** **6th of 7**

9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called **CHILDREN OF GOD.** **7th of 7**

We could & HAVE labored on these in Love

for 2,000+ years



Matthw 5 – Pt 1 **Sermon on the Mount**

3-12 The Beatitudes – Codicil on Attitudes of **LOVE**

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, **FOR** theirs is the

Kingdom of Heaven

11 “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you & falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

12 Rejoice & be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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Matthew 5 – Pt 1 **Sermon on the Mount**

12-16 Salt and Light – – Codicil on Purpose of **LOVE**

13 “**You are the salt of the earth.**

But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?

It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out....

14 “**You are the light of the world.**

A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

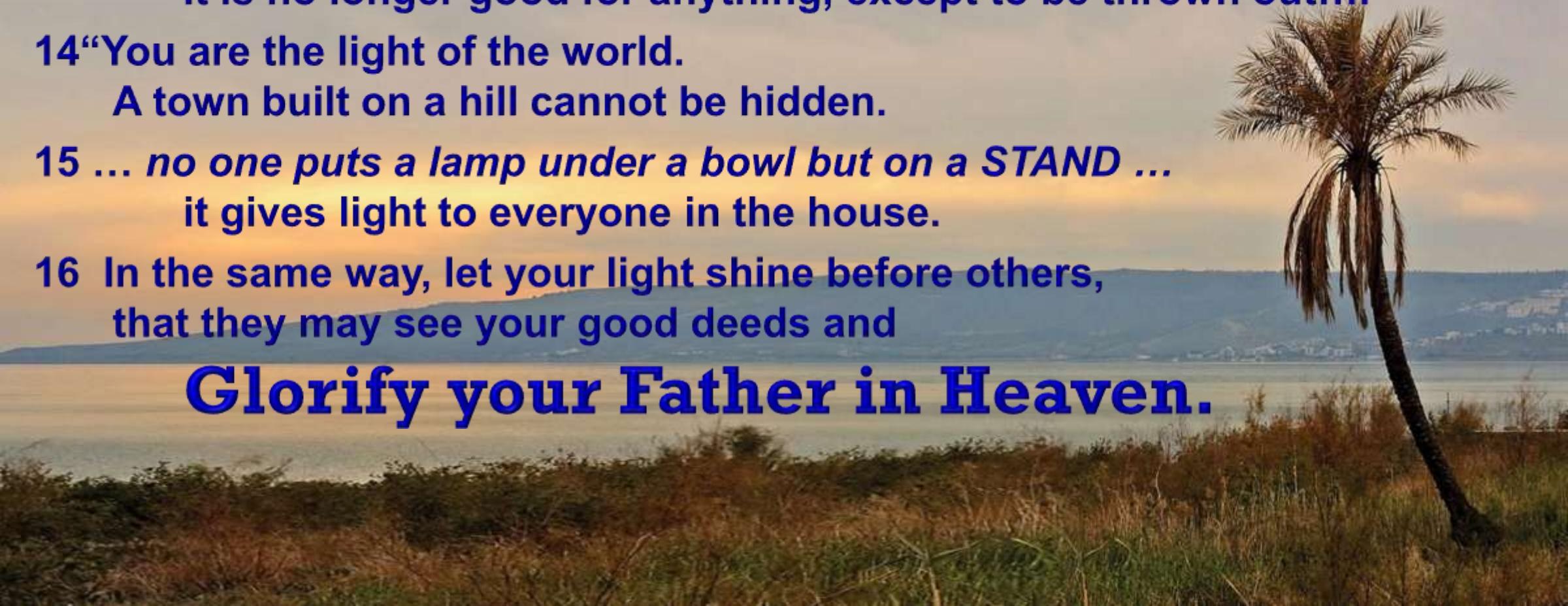
15 ... *no one puts a lamp under a bowl but on a STAND ...*

it gives light to everyone in the house.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before others,

that they may see your good deeds and

Glorify your Father in Heaven.



Matthew 5 – Pt 1 Sermon on the Mount

Codicil to The Law

17-20 Fulfillment of the Law – Righteousness Excel Pharisees

17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them BUT TO FULFILL THEM.

18 For truly I tell you, until heaven & earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

19-20 Whoever sets aside the LEAST will be Least in heaven... whoever practices ... will be great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 ...If your righteousness does not SURPASS the Pharisees and the teachers of the law

you will certainly NOT enter the kingdom of heaven.

The LAW & Jesus



Love Is in the Air – 1977 disco song by
Australian singer John Paul Young

**Love is in the air
In the Rising of the SON**

**Love is in the air
When the day is nearly done**

**We LOVE the Beatitudes –
yet the WHOLE is taxing**



Matthew 5 – Pt 1 Sermon on the Mount

Codicil to The Law

17-20 Fulfillment of the Law – Righteousness Excel Pharisees

21-27 Murder – ANGER = MURDER ?!?

whoever says “fool” in danger of fire from hell

any have something against another, go, make it right

28-30 Adultery – any who LOOKS at woman lustfully is GUILTY

31-32 Divorce – Careful on Divorce, Remarriage Adultery

33-37 Oaths – Don’t Swear, Let your “Yes” mean “Yes”

38-42 Eye for Eye – Don’t resist an evil person – turn cheek

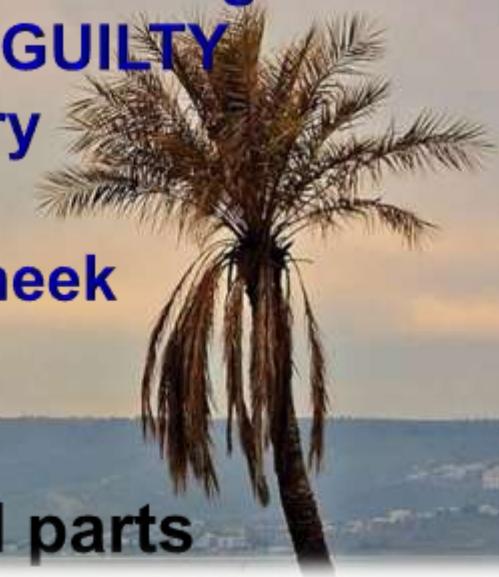
When we went through Deuteronomy, we saw that

NO ONE then, NO ONE since, NO ONE today even

WANTS to do the Whole Law – especially the hard parts

Now Jesus adds a kind of codicil to The LAW

LOVE



Matthew 5 – Pt 1 Sermon on the Mount

Codicil to The Law

38-42 Eye for Eye – Don't resist an evil person – turn cheek

... If any wants your shirt, give him coat too

... Give to the one who asks ^ a Codicil to O.T. Law

Exodus 21:24-25, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand,
foot for foot, burn for burn ... bruise for bruise.

Leviticus 24:20 fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth.
Who inflicted the injury must suffer the same injury.

Deut 19:21 Show NO PITY—Life for Life, Eye for Eye,
Tooth for Tooth, Hand for Hand, Foot for Foot

New Covenant – we cannot reconcile Matt. 5 Beatitude codicil w **REASON**
We can only reconcile **FAILURE** then, since then, & our **FAILURE TODAY**
We can ONLY reconcile on **FAITH** in the **Righteousness of Christ**

Matthw 5 – Pt 1 Sermon on the Mount

43-48 Love for Enemies – Codicil on Cost of LOVE

43 “You have heard that it was said,
‘**LOVE** your neighbor and **HATE** your enemy.’

44 But I tell you, **LOVE** your enemies and
PRAY for those who persecute you,

45 that you may be

Children of your Father in Heaven

He causes his sun to rise on the evil & the good
& sends rain on the righteous & the unrighteous

This is too **HARD** – **LOVE** Enemy to be Children of God!



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But you are something that
I MUST believe in

And **YOU** are there

when I reach out for **YOU**

We **LOVE** the Beatitudes –
just can't handle the

PERFECTION



Matthew 5 – Pt 1 Sermon on the Mount

43-47 Love for Enemies – Codicil on Cost of LOVE

46 If you LOVE those who LOVE you,
what reward will you get?

Are not even the tax collectors doing that?

47 And if you greet only your own people,
what are you doing more than others?

Do not even pagans do that?

48 Be PERFECT, therefore, as
your heavenly Father is PERFECT

HOW? – thru LOVE of *Enemies*?

