

## THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT (1)

### MATTHEW 5,6,7

#### OUR MOTIVATION AND GOALS

1. To exegete this most famous of all sermons
2. To know more clearly how we should live- and how we are able to do so
3. To experience the blessing of living like this

#### THE THEME OF THE SERMON - "THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN"

The Kingdom of Heaven (32x) + Kingdom (18x) = 50x in the Matthew's Gospel

"Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near." John the Baptist(3:1,2); Jesus(4:17); Disciples(10:7); parables; casting out evil spirits (12:28); beatitudes (5:1)

1. The Kingdom of Heaven is dynamic rather than spatial.

It is not a place, not a political entity.

The Kingdom is wherever God reigns, wherever His will is being done. (Lord's prayer)

2. The Kingdom has already arrived in the person of Jesus.
3. The Kingdom is enlarged when people (you and I) repent and embrace Jesus as our Lord and Savior.
4. Sets forth the righteousness of God, the high standards of a life devoted to God.
5. The Kingdom is countercultural. (Citizens of the Kingdom are different than others.)  
Citizens of the Kingdom are "in the world, but not "of the world."  
Living in the world makes Kingdom life difficult.
6. The Sermon on the Mount raises the question: "Who can live like this?"