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Review of the Sermon on the Mount:

- Beatitudes in Matthew 5: Blessed are those crushed by their sin.
- Matthew 5:20: Unless your righteousness exceeds...inward rightness not external law keeping.
- 6x-You've heard it said...but I say to you...
- Matthew 5:48 "You must be perfect".

Matthew 7:13-14:

- Two gates: narrow/wide. Two paths: hard/easy. Take the narrow/hard. It leads to life.
- John 10:7; Jesus Himself is the gate. John 14:6; Jesus is the one and only gate.
- The wide/easy path: Ephesians 2:1-3; James 4:4. The world, flesh and Satan.
- The narrow/hard path: Romans 7:19, John 15:18, 1 Peter 5:8
- Many going to hell, few to heaven: Revelation 7:9, Luke 14:28-33
- But great joy and reward: Mark 10:29-30, 1 Peter 1:8

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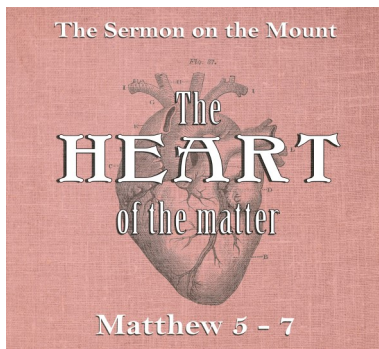
- We WILL encounter false prophets/teachers: Mark 13:22, Acts 20:29-31
- Wolves disguise well—but will know them by their corrupt fruit.
- Beware, be on guard for them—they are everywhere, they seek to devour you, 2 Corinthians 11:14

Matthew 7:21-23:

- Self deception: worst kind. I never knew you. Awful words to hear.
- They thought knowing Scripture and performing miracles would save them
- The Lord wants true Christians to have strong assurance. Hebrews 6:11, 10:22, Romans 8:15-16
- Intellectual understanding not enough to save: Luke 8:28 (demoniac), James 2:19
- Performing miracles not enough to save: Job 1-2, 2 Corinthians 12:7, Luke 10, Acts 19:13
- Obedience to God is essential: James 1:21-22, Luke 6:46, John 14:15
- What is the will of God: Mark 3:35, John 6:28, 1 Thessalonians 4:3 and 5:18, Romans 12:2, Matthew 25:41

Conclusion:

- Examine yourselves: 2 Corinthians 13:5, 2 Peter 1:10



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