

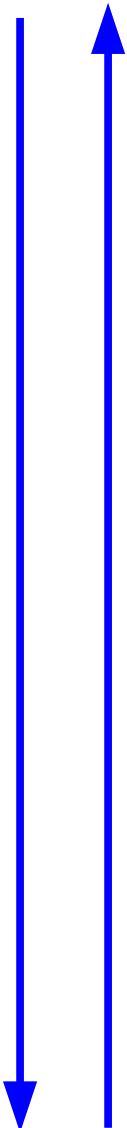
# Treasure Hunt

- How does the opening of the sermon contrast with the close?
- How does Deuteronomy 27-28 tie these together?
- What is the purpose of our righteousness, according to 5:13-16?
- How does the center of the sermon reflect the Ten Commandments?
- What lessons can we draw from our Lord's extensive use of Deuteronomy in the early chapters of Matthew?

# The Structure of the Sermon

Setting	4:25-5:2	7:28-8:1	
Blessings & Warnings	5:3-12	7:13-27	Deut 27-28
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# Setting: Chiastic Internal Inclusio

4:25-5:2		7:28-8:1
<p>4:25 And there followed him <b>great multitudes</b> of people from Galilee, and <i>from</i> Decapolis, and <i>from</i> Jerusalem, and <i>from</i> Judaea, and <i>from</i> beyond Jordan.</p>		<p><b>great multitudes</b> followed him.</p>
<p>5:1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a <b>mountain</b>:</p>		<p>8:1 When he was come down from the <b>mountain</b>,</p>
<p>and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: 2 And he opened his mouth, and <b>taught</b> them, saying,</p>		<p>28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his <b>doctrine</b>: 29 For he <b>taught</b> them as <i>one</i> having authority, and not as the scribes.</p>

# Blessings and Warnings

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Deu 27:11 And Moses charged the people the same day, saying, 12 These shall stand upon mount Gerizim to **bless** the people, when ye are come over Jordan; Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin: 13 And these shall stand upon mount Ebal to **curse**; Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali. (cf. Josh 8:33-34)

Deu 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, ... 2 ... all these **blessings** shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. 3 **Blessed** shalt thou be in the city, and **blessed** shalt thou be in the field. 4 **Blessed** shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. 5 **Blessed** shall be thy basket and thy store. 6 **Blessed** shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. (+ long narrative of blessing)

Deu 28:15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these **curses** shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: 16 **Cursed** shalt thou be in the city, and **cursed** shalt thou be in the field. 17 **Cursed** shall be thy basket and thy store. 18 **Cursed** shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. 19 **Cursed** shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out. (+ longer narrative of cursing)

# Believers as Salt and Light

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- Without parallel in the second half of the chiasm
  - No specific moral issue in view
- Summary of the central section

# The Law and the Prophets

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5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy **the law, or the prophets**: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. ...

7:12a **Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them:**

7:12b for **this** is the law and the prophets.

What is “this” in 7:12b?

- Is it 7:12a? Then what about 22:37?

22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt **love the Lord thy God** with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt **love thy neighbour as thyself**. 40 On these **two commandments** hang all **the law and the prophets**.

- Better: everything between 5:20 and 7:12b

Manward	5:21-48	↓ ↑	7:1-12a
Godward	6:1-18		6:19-34

Echoes the Ten Commandments in Deuteronomy 5

# The Two Commandments in 5:20-6:18: Contrasts

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5:20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

5:21-48

## Manward

Contrast: “them of old time” (21, 33)

- 21-26, Murder and hate
- 27-30, Adultery and lust
- 31-32, Divorce
- 33-37, Oaths and commitments
- 38-42, Revenge
- 43-48, Love your enemies

6:1-18

## Godward

Contrast: “the hypocrites” (2, 5, 16)

- 1-4, Sacrifice (giving alms)
- 5-15, Prayer
- 16-18, Fasting

# The Two Commandments in 6:19-7:12a: Absolutes

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6:19-34 <b>Godward</b>	7:1-12a <b>Manward</b>
19 Lay not up ... treasures upon earth ... 20 but ... in heaven, 21 <b>for</b> where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.	1 Judge not, that ye be not judged. 2 <b>For</b> with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged
22-23 care for the <b>eye</b>	3-5 care for the <b>eye</b>
24 cannot serve God and mammon	6 (do not neglect valid distinctions)
25 (God will care for your needs)	7-8 (God will care for your needs)
26-29 (supporting parables)	9-10 (supporting parables)
30 shall he not <b>much more</b> clothe you	11 how <b>much more</b> shall your Father ... give good things
31, 34 <b>therefore</b> take no thought 33 seek first the kingdom of God	12 <b>therefore</b> ... whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them



# Our Lord and Deuteronomy

