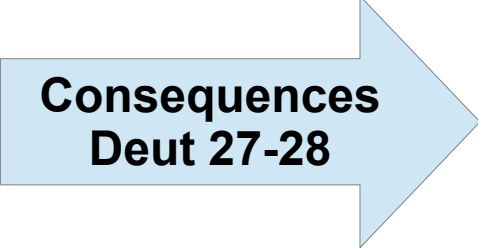


Treasure Hunt

- How did the group of people with the Lord on the mountain change during the course of the Sermon?
- What reverse tendency do we see over the course of his life?
- What is the main theme of each section of the Sermon?
Of the Sermon as a whole?

The Structure of the Sermon

**Consequences
Deut 27-28**



**Conduct
Deut 5**



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The Sermon's Chiastic Frame

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

“...not as the scribes”

Compare the first issue discussed in the Mishnah (Berachot 1:1):

From what time is the שמע to be said in the evening?

- From the time the priests again enter [the sanctuary] to eat their heave offerings, until the close of the first watch [of the night]. Such is the dictum of R. Eleazar;
- but the sages say, "until midnight."
- Rabbon Gamaliel saith, "until the break of dawn."

Disciples vs. Multitudes

Compare 5:1-2 (“his disciples came, and he ... taught them”) with 7:28 (“the multitudes were astonished at his doctrine”)

Another example of the same behavior:

Mar 6:30 And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught. 31 And he said unto them, **Come ye yourselves apart** into a desert place, and rest a while: **for there were many** coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. 32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately. 33 **And the people saw them departing**, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, **and came together unto him.**

Stages of Popularity

Early popularity (before feeding of 5000):

Mat 4:25 And there followed him great multitudes of people

Matt 8:1 great multitudes followed him

Counting the cost (after feeding of the 5000):

Joh 6:66 From that *time* many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

The ultimate test:

Mat 26:56 Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

Are we ready?

The Beatitudes

Frame	3 Blessed <i>are</i> the poor in spirit:	for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
How we are helped (cf. Isa 61)	4 Blessed <i>are</i> they that mourn:	for they shall be comforted.
	5 Blessed <i>are</i> the meek:	for they shall inherit the earth.
	6 Blessed <i>are</i> they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:	for they shall be filled.
How we help others	7 Blessed <i>are</i> the merciful:	for they shall obtain mercy.
	8 Blessed <i>are</i> the pure in heart:	for they shall see God.
	9 Blessed <i>are</i> the peacemakers:	for they shall be called the children of God.
Frame	10 Blessed <i>are</i> they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake:	for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Summary	11 Blessed are ye , when <i>men</i> shall revile you, and persecute <i>you</i> , and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad:	for great <i>is</i> your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you .

True disciples experience the kingdom now by receiving the Messiah's blessing and passing it to others, while they wait amid persecution for its full realization.

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Light in Two Directions

14b A city that is set on an hill **cannot be hid.**

14a Ye are the light of the world.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto **all that are in the house.**



True disciples show their distinctiveness both to unbelievers and to one another.

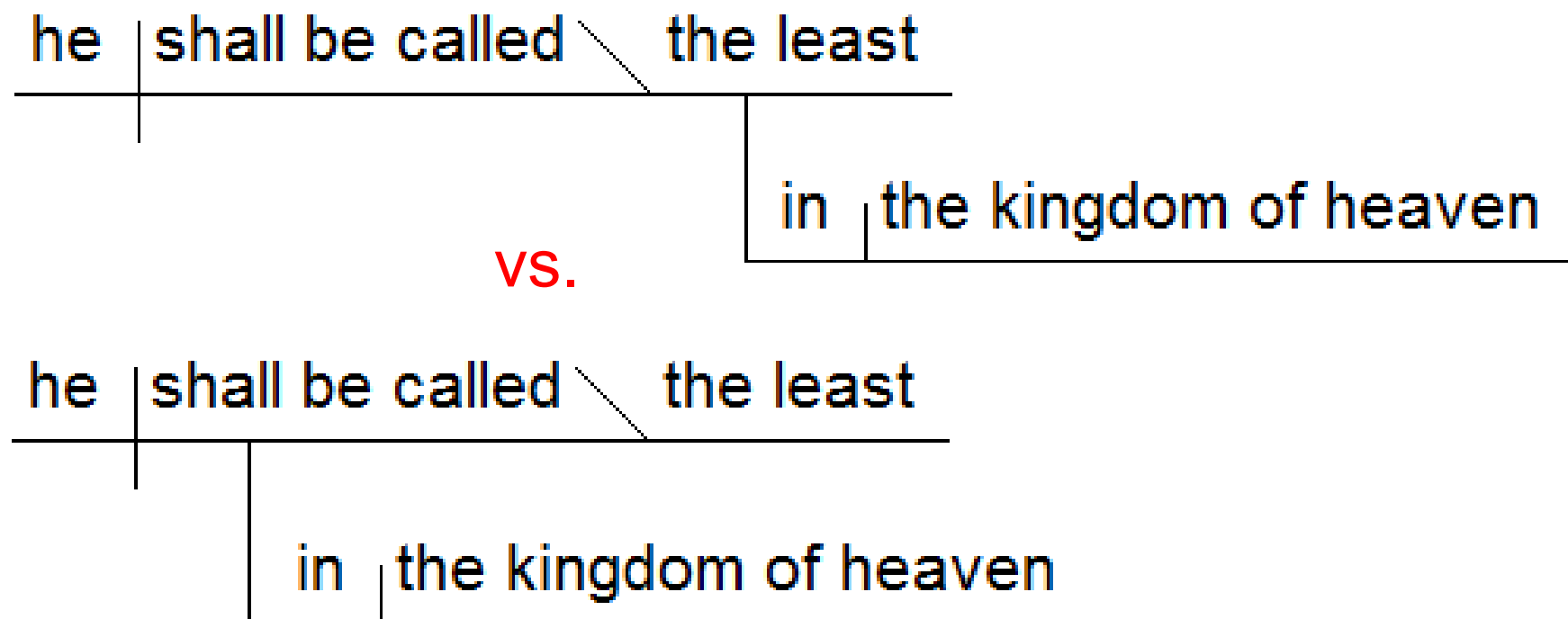
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Disobedience in the Kingdom?

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Mat 5:19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: ...



True disciples show their citizenship in the kingdom by obeying God's law.

5:20 as Transition

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5:17-19 The law and the prophets in the kingdom

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**

5:21-6:18 Contrasts with the scribes and the Pharisees

- 5:21-48 Manward contrasts (it was said ... but I say ...)
- 6:1-18 Godward contrasts (be not as the hypocrites)

True disciples are distinguished from hypocrites by what they obey (5:21-48) and whom they worship (6:1-18).

The Structure of 5:21-48

The Manward Contrasts

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	21 Murder	27 Adultery	31 Divorce	33 Oaths	38 Revenge	43 Love
Ye have heard that	x	x		x	x	x
it was said	x	x	x	x	x	x
to them of old time	x			x		

True disciples obey God's word, not the teachings of men.

Structure of Matt 6:1-18

1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.		
2 Therefore when thou doest <i>thine</i> alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee , as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: 4 That thine alms may be in secret : and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.	Mat 6:5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are : for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret ; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.	Mat 6:16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites , of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces , that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; 18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret : and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.
	7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do : for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. 8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. 9 After this manner therefore pray ye : Our Father which art in heaven, ... 13 ... Amen. 14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you : 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.	

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True disciples worship to be seen of God, not men, but gather for prayer.

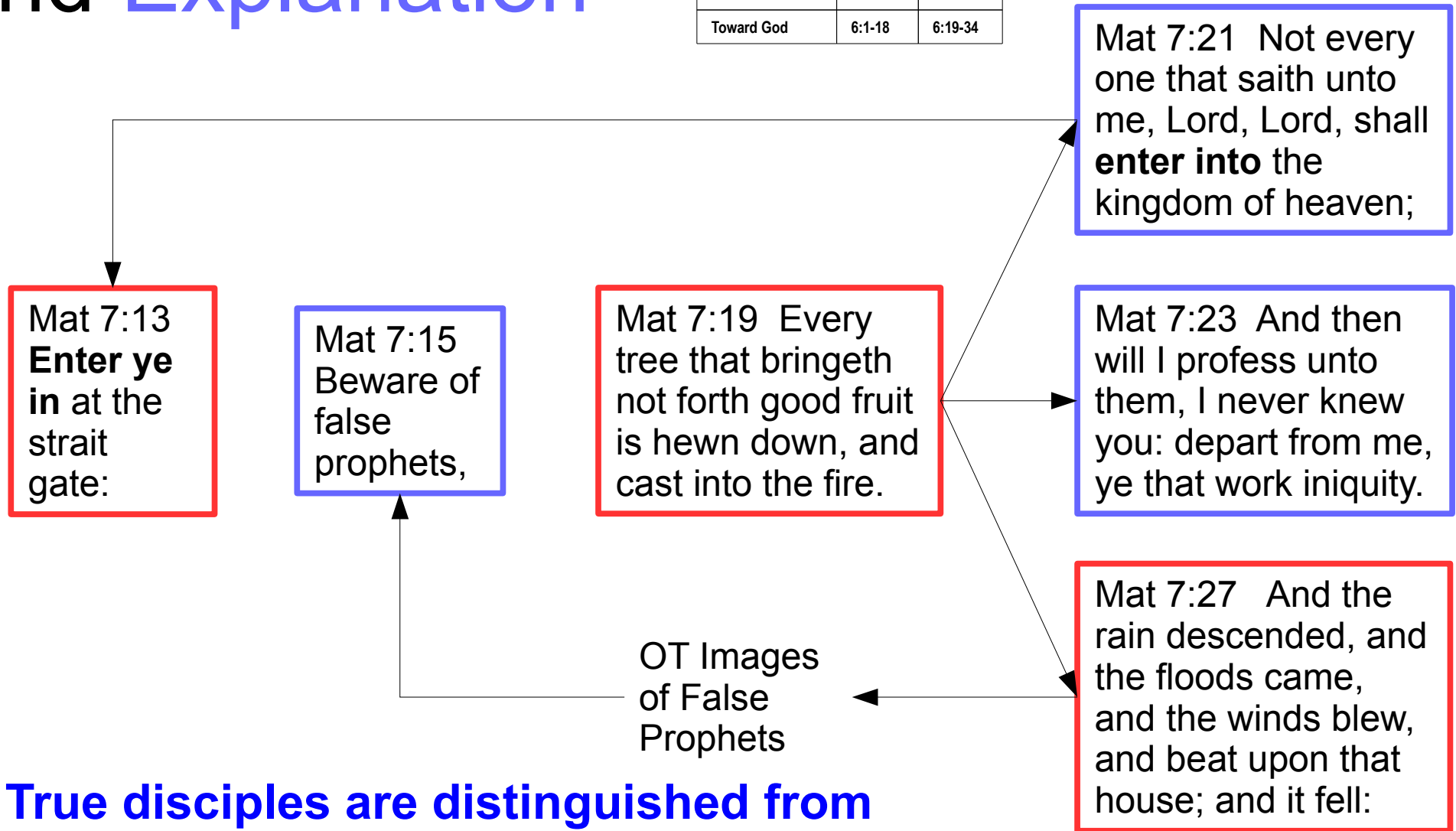
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	Godward: Serve God, not Wealth	Manward: Be Fair
Exhortation	Mat 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, ... 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, ... 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.	Mat 7:1 Judge not, that ye be not judged. 2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.
Eye Parable	22 The light of the body is the eye : ...	3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye , but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye ? ...
Exhortation	24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.	6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.
Encouragement	25 ... Take no thought for your life, ...	7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: ...
... Double Parable	26 Behold the fowls of the air: ... 28 ... Consider the lilies of the field, ...	9 ... if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?
... “Much More”	30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, <i>shall he</i> not much more <i>clothe</i> you, O ye of little faith?	11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?
Exhortation with ouv	... 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; ...	12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them:

Linked Metaphors and Explanation

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True disciples are distinguished from false ones by their obedience.

Overall Summary of the Sermon on the Mount

True disciples of the Lord Jesus are marked by **obedience** to **God's word**, **witness** to the world, and their **relation** to one another, and will enjoy **his care** during **persecutions** now and his **welcome** into his earthly kingdom when he returns.

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