

## Sermon on the Mount Introduction

- I. The Theme
  - A. The setting leading up to the sermon
  - B. A phrase repeatedly used throughout the sermon
- II. The Content
  - A. The citizens of the Kingdom
  - B. The righteousness of the Kingdom
  - C. The exhortation to enter the Kingdom
- III. Defining the Kingdom of Heaven
  - A. Comparing it with the Kingdom of God
  - B. The Kingdom involves 4 inter-related concepts
    1. God's kingship, rule or recognized sovereignty
    2. It is spiritual in nature
    3. Its visible manifestation today is in the form of the Church
    4. It involves the "new heavens and new earth"
  - C. It is proper to think of the Kingdom in both a present and future sense
- IV. Takeaway:
  - A. With a proper understanding of the Kingdom of Heaven we will:
    1. Appreciate the character and blessedness of the citizens of the Kingdom - Matt. 5:3-16
    2. Understand the need for the righteousness expected of its citizens - Matt. 5:17-7:12
    3. Respond to the exhortation to enter the Kingdom if we have not done so - Matt. 7:13-27