

A. Prologue 5:1-2

B. Introduction – Reward for Good 5:3-20

Current State (Traditional Piety)

Rejected Behavior (Vicious Cycle)

Approved Behavior (Transforming Initiative)

C. Teachings (Re: Commands)

Group 1 From the Decalogue

- 1. **5:21–26** You shall not kill
- 2. **5:27–30** You shall not commit adultery
- 3. **5:31–32** Who ever divorces, give a certificate

- Being angry, or saying, “you fool!”
- Looking with lust
- Divorcing involves you in adultery

- Be reconciled*
- Remove the cause of temptation*
(cf. Mark 9:43ff.)
- N/A cf. Lord’s command, “Don’t divorce; be reconciled”
(1Cor 7:10-11)

Group 2 From Other Laws

- 4. **5:33–37** You shall not swear falsely
- 5. **5:38–42** Eye for eye, tooth for tooth

- Swearing by anything
involves you in a false claim
- Violent / vengeful resistance by evil means

- Let your yes be yes,
and your no be no
- Turn the other cheek*
Give your tunic and cloak
Go the second mile
Give to beggar and borrower
- Love enemies; pray for your persecutors;*
Be all-inclusive as your Father in heaven

- 6. **5:43–48** Love neighbor and hate enemy

If you love those who love you,
what more is that than the Gentiles do?

D. Righteousness Before God (Re: Traditions)

Parallel Group 1

- 7. **6:1–4** When you give alms
- 8. **6:5–6** When you pray

- Blowing a trumpet like hypocrites
- Making a show like the hypocrites

- But give in secret,
and your Father will reward you
- But pray in secret,
and your Father will reward you

- 9. **6:7–15** When you pray

Babbling like Gentiles,
thinking the wordiness will be heard

Therefore pray like this: Our Father...

E. Lord’s Prayer as Focal Point 6:7-10

- Our Father in the heavens
- a. Your name be sanctified (thru faith)
- b. Your kingdom come (thru hope)
- c. Your will be done on earth, as in heaven (thru love)

X For this purpose... Give us today our bread for existence 6:11

E’ Lord’s Prayer as Focal Point 6:12-15

- c’ (lacking love) Forgive us our debts, as we our debtors
- b’ (lacking hope) Lead us not into testing
- a’ (lacking faith) Deliver us from the evil one
- Yours is the kingdom, power, & glory

D’ Righteousness Before God (On Traditions)

- 10. **6:16–18** When you fast

Appearing gloomy to others,
like the hypocrites

But dress with joy,
and your Father will reward you

C’ Teachings

Parallel Group 2

1. Possessions

- 11. **6:19–23** Do not pile up treasures on earth (Luke 12:16–31)

*Where moth and rust destroy,
and thieves enter and steal*

But pile up treasures in heaven

- 12. **6:24–34** No one can serve two masters
(w/ Figure v24 and Expl in 26-32 & 34)

*You are not able to serve God and wealth, being
anxious about food and clothes*

But seek first God’s reign and God’s justice / righteousness

2. Enemies

- 13. **7:1–5** Do not judge, lest you be judged

*By the measure with which you judge,
you will be judged*

First take the log out of your own eye

- 14. **7:6–12** Do not give holy things to dogs,
nor pearls to pigs (w/ Figure v6 and Expl in 9-11 & 12b)

They will trample them
and tear you to pieces

*Give your trust (through prayer)
to your Father in heaven*

B’ Conclusion – Punishment for Evil 7:13-27

A’ Epilogue 7:28-8:1

Note: Italicized items are repeated in the Sermon on the Plain
or in other locations indicated in parentheses.