



Sermon: Perfect King, Perfect Kingdom

Text: Matthew 4:23-5:2, 7:28-29

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Introductory questions -

The law of God was given to the people at Mount Sinai. However, before God gave the people his law, he demonstrated his love and grace and his power through a series of groundbreaking events. Moses celebrates God's love and grace and power with a song, right after the crossing of the sea.

1. Read Exodus 15. What are the deeds of the Lord that Moses celebrated in his song?
2. Read Exodus 20. The Lord instructs his people on the proper way to live. What's the relevance of the law being given to the people only after they experience the ruling of the Lord?

The people of God in the OT proved over and over their inability to keep the Law, in other words, to live their lives in a way that followed God's design for them. However, God's commitment to them was unfading. The prophet Jeremiah spoke of a day when the people of God would finally be able to follow God's design for their life and experience true fellowship with Him.

1. Read Jeremiah 31.31-34. How will the Lord finally rescue his people from their sins and rebellion? How is that promise fulfilled in Jesus?

Reflection questions -

1. The crowds were amazed at Jesus' teaching because he taught as one who had authority (vv. 29-29). In what ways was Jesus' authority demonstrated in his Sermon?
2. Pastor Jason taught that the perfect kingdom is the one that impacts every area of our lives. How does the life and teachings of Jesus demonstrate what the perfect kingdom looks like?
3. What difference does it make that Jesus taught with authority (v.29)?
4. How do verses 21-29 provide a fitting conclusion to the Sermon on the Mount?
5. What are some of the words of Jesus you have heard in the Sermon on the Mount (v.24) that you want to stick with you?
6. How do we become perfect citizens of God's perfect kingdom? What difference does it make to know that "the perfect citizen isn't sinless, but someone whose sin is forgiven"?