

Handout 1: Luke Lesson 6

There are eight major themes which occur regularly in Jesus' parables:

1. The assurance of the coming of the Kingdom of God
2. The present arrival of the "new age"
3. The mercy of God for sinners
4. The imminence of God's divine judgment
5. The necessity of an immediate personal response to Jesus' message
6. The conditions of discipleship
7. The coming of the Passion
8. The consummation of Jesus mission in His Resurrection and Ascension

There are three major theories that Bible scholars have developed to account for the differences between Matthew's Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7) and Luke's Sermon on the Plain (Lk 6:17-49):

1. Both Gospels give different accounts of the same discourse.
2. The Gospels reflect two different homilies spoken at different times during Jesus' teaching ministry.
3. The Gospels present two homilies delivered in close succession: one on the summit of the mountain only to the disciples and then a second homily on the plain to the multitude.

Jesus' Sermon on the Plain can be divided into 5 parts:

Part I: Beatitudes and curses/judgments (6:20-26)

Part II: The love of enemies (6:27-36)

Part III: Judging others and the parable of the blind guide (6:37-42)

Part IV: The parable of the tree and its fruit 6:43-45)

Part V: The parable of the two foundations (6:46-49)

Promised blessings in Part I:

1. He promised the poor that they will inherit the Kingdom of Heaven.
2. He promised the hungry that they will be filled.
3. He promised the sorrowful that they will become joyful.
4. He promised those who are persecuted for following Him that they will be rewarded in heaven just as the prophets of God were rewarded.

The curses/judgments in Part II. Jesus pronounced curses on the rich who allow poverty to increase without using the blessings of their material wealth to comfort the poor and suffering. The rich who do not share their wealth will only receive temporal blessings in this life but will remain spiritually impoverished, and they will have no share in the eternal blessings promised in the heavenly kingdom:

1. They will have no "wealth" in eternity.
2. They may be full now, but they will be hungry for eternity.
3. They may experience joy now, but they will suffer later beyond this earthly existence.
4. They are compared to those who persecuted God's holy prophets.

Handout 2: Luke Lesson 6

MOUNTAINS WHERE GOD’S PRESENCE WAS MANIFESTED

Mountain	Scripture Passage
1. The Garden of Eden: Located on a mountain from which 4 rivers flowed.	Gen 2:10; Ez 28:12-14
2. Mt. Moriah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site of the substitutionary atonement of the ram in place of the sacrifice of Abraham’s son Isaac. • The site where David saw the Angel of the Lord standing with his sword in his hand ready to destroy Jerusalem until David built an altar there and made atonement through sacrifice. • The site where Solomon built the Temple where man and God commune in fellowship. 	Gen 22:2; 1Chr 21:15-17; 2Chr 3:1; Mt 27:33, 59; 28:1-7; Mk 15:22, 46; 16:1-6; Lk 23:33, 53; 24:1-6; Jn 19:17, 38-42; 20:4-9
3. Mt. Sinai/Horeb: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The theophany of God to His people, the giving of the Law, the formation of the Sinai Covenant and birth of the Old Covenant Church. • The site of God’s appearance to Elijah. 	Ex 19:12-40:38; 1 Kng 19:11-18
4. Mt. Carmel: Site of Elijah’s defeat of the prophets of Baal .	1 Kng 18
5. Mt. of Temptation: The site where Jesus, the “new Adam,” resisted Satan.	Mt 4:8-11; Lk 4:1-13
6. Mt. of Beatitudes: Where Jesus commissioned the 12 Apostles and gave them the New Covenant law.	Mt 5:1-2; Mk 3:13-19; Lk 6:12-16
7. Mt. at Caesarea Philippi: Jesus’ official commissioning of Peter as Vicar of the New Covenant Church.	Mt 16:13-19; Mk 8:27-30; Lk 9:18-21
8. Mt. of Transfiguration: Jesus appeared in His glory.	Mt 17:1-8; Mk 9:2-8; Lk 9:28-36 (Peter refers to this place as “the holy mountain” in 2 Pt 1:16-18)
9. Mt. of Olives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus is arrested in a garden on the Mt. of Olives. • Jesus ascends to the Father from the Mt. of Olives. • It will be the site of Christ’s return in His Second Coming. 	Mt 26:47ff; Mk 14:43ff; Lk 22:47ff; Jn 18:3ff; Acts 1:1-12; Zech 14:3-5
10. Golgotha: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus made atonement for the sins of mankind and was crucified on Golgotha, an elevation below Mt. Moriah, and He was resurrected nearby. 	Mt 27:33; Mk 15:22; Jn 19:17
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Note: Mt. Ararat is not included (see Gen 8:4) because, although God did place the redeemed family of Noah on that mountain, there was no visible manifestation of His presence or any single act signifying His presence.