

# “THESE SAYINGS OF MINE”

## INTRODUCTION

The Lord’s first recorded sermon is the “Sermon On The Mount”, as recorded in Matthew 5-7 and in Luke 6. In Matthew’s account, the words “*These sayings of mine*” are recorded twice. Cf 5:21,26. At the end of Luke’s record, Jesus is quoted as saying “*the things which I say,*” and “*my sayings.*” cf Luke 6:46-47

In both records, Jesus talks about 2 things in response to these sayings: HEARETH and DOETH. There is no value in hearing ONLY\*, if we are not going to DO His sayings that are required of us.

Now let’s make a study of the sayings of Jesus.

## DISCUSSION

### I. In the 1<sup>st</sup> place, the SAYINGS OF THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT.

- A. IN the sermon itself, Jesus quotes from the Old Testament books of Moses (which had been the basis for the Jews who were now hearing Jesus’ sermon) and THEN following each quotation are the words “But I say”, signifying that His sayings were different than what Moses said in the law.
1. Remember, Jesus said early in the sermon, that HE did not come to “destroy” the law, but to fulfill it. Matt. 5:17
    - a. In verse 18, He introduced His **FIRST** “saying”, in regards to the END of the law of Moses. (Read)
    - b. Then, in verse 19, He declared that HIS way of “righteousness” is superior to the way of the Jews. (Discuss verses 19 and 20).
  2. The law pointed to Jesus who would fulfill the plan of God to save. John 5:46; Rom. 10:4; Gal. 3:17
  3. Jesus’ death brought an END to Moses’ law of the ten commandments. Col. 2:14
- B. Now let’s contrast what Moses wrote, with what Jesus SAID that we must obey.
1. 1<sup>st</sup>, on the subject of **killings**. Matt. 5:21-22A
  2. 2<sup>nd</sup>, on the subject of **adultery**. Matt. 5:27-28
  3. 3<sup>rd</sup>, on the subject of **divorce**. Matt. 5:31-32; cf 19:9
  4. 4<sup>th</sup>, on the subject of **swearing**. Matt. 5:33-37
  5. 5<sup>th</sup>, on the subject of **revenge**. Matt. 5:38-42
  6. 6<sup>th</sup>, on the subject of **hating an enemy**. Matt. 5:43-48
    - a. A study of the Old Testament passage here (Deut. 23:3-7) shows that the Jews were **not** to show “kindness” to their enemies, which is contrasted with “hate” “abhor” in NKJ in verse 7, implying hatred from v. 3-6.
    - b. A study of the New Testament passages relating to Matt. 5, shows that “hatred” simply means to “love less”, when the word “hate” is used.
      - 1) Discipleship involves not loving family before Christ. Matt. 10:37
      - 2) It is translated “hate” in Luke 14:26.
      - 3) “Hate” has 3 meanings: 1) Malicious feelings and animosity to a *person*; 2) Right feelings of aversion to *evil*; 3) Relative preference of one thing or *person to another*. (VINE, 292)

### II. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> place, the SAYINGS OF JESUS ARE AUTHORITATIVE.

- A. Each time Jesus used the word “saying”, He used the Greek word *logos*, which is the **same** word John used to describe Jesus in coming to earth, as the WORD or “Logos” of God. John 1:1,14

1. Thus, the “Word” (Logos) of God is giving HIS mind and will to man in the form of spoken and now recorded words. Cf Matt. 5:2, 7:24, 26; Luke 6:47
2. Then, each time Jesus used the word “say”, He used the word “lego”, which was the verb form of the word “logos”, the noun form.

B. Matthew connects the word “saying” with 2 **other** important words: **doctrine** and **authority**. Matt. 7:28-29

1. ALL the “sayings” of Jesus, spoken BY Him, or through the inspired apostles, make up the “authority” of the **doctrine** of Christ. John 17:6-8A; Acts 2: 42; 1 Cor. 14:33; 2 John 9
  - a. In the scripture, God has given us ALL the doctrine of Christ. 2 Pet. 1:3; 2 Tim. 3:16-17
  - b. Yet, in the denominations of men, there are written CREEDS, that say something different than what Jesus said.
  - c. They attempt to justify them by saying, “Our creeds are just what Jesus taught.”
  - d. If that is true, why have them—why not just use the New Testament, which contains no more or less than what Jesus taught? John 20:30-31; 1 Cor. 1:10
2. ALL the “sayings” of Jesus, spoken BY Him, or through the inspired apostles, make up His authority, which is to last till the end of the world, and in the judgment day. Matt. 28:18-20; Col. 3:17; John 12:48

#### **CONCLUSION**

I. Jesus’ sayings are in essence the **will** OF God. Matt. 7:21; Luke 6:46

A. Jesus said we must “hear” and “do” what He said.

1. It was Jesus who put “believeth” in the plan of salvation. Mark 16:15-16
2. It was Jesus who put “baptism” in the plan of salvation. v. 16

B. If we are “wise”, we will hear and obey His saying, we will enjoy the blessing of salvation from past sins. Matt. 7:24 (25-27)

II. Have you been “wise” in having heard and obeyed the sayings of Jesus?

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