

FULL TRANSCRIPTIONS

SERMON ON THE MOUNT - GOSPEL SERIES # 6

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HWA: And greetings friends and this is Herbert W. Armstrong with the good news of the World Tomorrow. Yes, there is good news if only we can understand it and heed it. As I mentioned however yesterday, there are serious troubles, financial troubles, family troubles and every other kind of troubles. Sickness and disease, some kind of trouble, some kind of tremendous problem, bearing down on the family on practically everyone you now listening. If it's isn't hitting you personally it's hitting somebody in your family. And most of you think you have troubles such as no one else has, you don't realize that in almost every other family..., they may not have the same trouble, the same problem you do but they have theirs. And, I tell you that this world is far from the happiest place. At least it isn't a happy place. It isn't a happy place it ought to be.

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HWA: How many times do you see cases of appeals for money, of people who have spent all they had on doctor bills and hospital bills they had left destitute and broke? They have nothing. And it's a pitiful case and tears come to the eyes of people and they want to help but my friend, how needless all of this is. Why are we suffering like this, God Almighty didn't intend it. It was never intended for people to be sick. It was never intended for people to be in all the troubles they are. Now, it true, God permits certain things to come on us to try us and test us and to strengthen us but practically all of the suffering and all of the heartaches, and all of the things that come on us individually and collectively. The wars that are coming on this world and among nations and the individual trials and hubbubs and discouragements and things that are bearing down on people are totally needless.

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HWA: Do you know, my friends, that God at creation set laws in motion, to keep us healthy. Physical laws, in our bodies, which if we understood and observed would keep us healthy and we wouldn't have sickness and disease. We seem to think that God made us so that we had to get sick. Oh, no, He didn't. God made us so that we would stay well if we obeyed His laws, which we don't want to do. God help us, what's wrong with us. Why do we have all of these preachers trying to condemn those laws of God and tell you to disobey

God's laws and the very disobedience to those laws is bringing on you all of these troubles and all this suffering and all this sickness and disease. Now, sickness comes from the violation of the physical laws of our body. But, other troubles, that are even harder to bear come from violating the spiritual law of God that regulates our relationships with God and our human neighbors.

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HWA: This world doesn't need to go on suffering. It suffers only because it has lost the true gospel. And I say you, once again, why have you not heard the true Gospel of Jesus Christ, the message God sent by Him, the Gospel that He proclaimed, the Gospel He taught His disciples and which they went out and preached to the entire world. That was *The Gospel of the Kingdom of God*, I mentioned it yesterday how the Gospel means good news and the Kingdom of God is the divine family which is also the divine government that shall rule *The World Tomorrow*. But Jesus said that His kingdom was not of this time; this age. It is of The World Tomorrow. This is the time, when, to bring about His purpose, God made men free moral agents and made man so He could reject the government of God and go his own way and man has been doing it. And bringing on himself all these troubles. The Law of God was set in motion to make us happy. To give us peace. To give us prosperity. And joy. And until life is just bubbling over with interest, and with happiness every moment full; no emptiness. But what do we have, empty lives we have to find every kind of a pastime to while away our lives get our minds off of how dull and how bore some life really is.

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HWA: And then we're so full of aches and pains and sufferings and heart aches and discouragements and frustrations. How many people wish that they could die and how many do go jump out of a window and fall down to the pavement below or pull a trigger of a gun and shoot a bullet through their head or something of the kind and others want to do it and then lack the courage. Oh, my friends, it all so needless. God set laws in motion that would make things go right! But is so that He made us so that we could defy His laws and we're all doing it. And maybe not all of us, but the world as a whole certainly is. And that's all that's wrong with this world. And were going to have peace on this earth but only after God sends Jesus Christ to rule with a rod of iron. And to enforce the government of God over mankind on this earth until the laws of God are ruling people. And so that all organized government is the government of God, and even then, in human lives, individually, they'll still violate the laws of God every bit they can. Because, the carnal mind is enmity against God (Romans 8:7) and thinks God's law is all wrong. Why have you been deceived and sort of thought the law of God is a hard thing, Oh, we must get rid

of that and you think that Jesus Christ was a smart aleck that knew more than His heavenly Father and came and did away with His Father's law.

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HWA: You believe in nonsensical thing like that? Oh, I know, they can take scriptures and twist them around here and there some of them and put a meaning on isn't there and some of the scriptures are a little vague especially in the translation we have because they were written originally in the Hebrew language or the Greek language and especially some of the writings of the Apostle Paul. They can twist them around to make them say exactly the opposite of what Paul was saying and what He intended.

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HWA: Well, the true Gospel, that God sent by Jesus Christ and that He taught His disciples and that they taught to the world, that Gospel has not been preached for about a thousand, eight hundred and fifty years on this world. That gospel is the way to peace and prosperity and abundant joyful living and to health and to happiness. They way to eternal life, and eternal life living it in the most happy, useful, possible condition. Abundant living, Oh, how well we could live if we only knew the way. You know, God wants us to enjoy all the good things of life. He wants us to have beauty. God wants us to prosperous, God wants us to find life a happy thing. And not a burden and an empty thing in the way most people are living. And yet, you know with a lot of people, will say that's a false prophet talking now.

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HWA: Would you rather go on suffering in your miseries, my friends, and your prejudices and go along like a dumb sheep and the oxen to the slaughter like all humanity is doing than to open your minds and search your own Bible and see who is preaching the truth of the Bible? Don't believed me, my friends, don't believe your preacher, don't believe any preacher. But listen to them. Listen to them, listen to me, open your Bible..., and open it on your knees and open up your heart along with it and asked God to reveal to you where the real truth is. And what His word does say. [God will reveal it if your heart and you mind is willing](#). The trouble is..., we harden our hearts. And we stiffen up our minds in rebellion. Because our minds are carnal until we surrender to God. There enmity (deep-rooted hatred) against God not subject to His law and neither indeed can be. I tell you my friends, when the religious leaders, way, way, way back there, centuries and centuries ago, took the law of God out of the Gospel, that they were preaching, they took away the way of life; the way of everything that man desires. And people have been trying to get these things they desire some other was since. But, what are they getting?

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HWA: All of this poverty, all of this hardship, all of this suffering, all of this sickness and disease and all of this emptiness.., that you see about you in the world today. Just go down to any city in the town. Look at the people as they go bye. Look at the tired, worn out expressions on the people. look how unhappy they look. Look at the white anemic faces. The only thing that you'll find red on them, is the paint that women put on their faces. It's about time maybe that some of the men we began to paint it up a little bit too, isn't it? Or is it good, what about it. You know why? It's because we've robbed.., or the food industry has robbed our foods of that which would produce red cheeks and rosy lips. And women try to paint on. And the men just look anemic and the women look anemic if they don't paint. And they look tired and worn out.., crossed and they snarl around at each other because of some of the wrong things they eat and some of the stimulants they take and one thing and another. Well, I want to tell you, when the religious leaders took the law of God out of their message, that they preach, and turned to a different Gospel, they took out everything that would have made the world happy. And I said yesterday and I say again, the churches ought to have the answer to the world's problems but they don't. They ought to have the influence that would solve these conditions. But they seem to have lost their power. They have no solution. Because they have taken out of the very word of God the one thing that offers the solution to it all.

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HWA: Now, to learn what Gospel Jesus did preach, we're summarizing the first four gospel books in the New Testament and we've come to the sermon on the mount where Jesus was preaching to His own disciples seeing the multitudes he went up unto the mountain and He'd prayed all night and then of His disciples He chose twelve, and when He was set His disciples came to Him, He opened His mouth and [taught them](#) saying, and as Luke's gospel has it, He lifted up His eyes on His disciples and said, Blessed are ye poor, or yours is the Kingdom of God. He was speaking to His disciples. As I explained yesterday, a multitude in the crowd came while He was talking and by the end of His speech they were there. But, they were not there at the beginning and this message called [the greatest sermon ever preached](#), the sermon on the mount, [was not addressed to a multitude but to His disciples](#). He looked on His disciples and said, Blessed are ye, and He opened His mouth and taught His disciples saying, it was to the disciples that He addressed this so-called great sermon on the mount.

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HWA: Now, here we are, and I want you to notice it, I want you to go back to verse seventeen, once again, we had really got down to about verse twenty-one. But, I want to go back to verse seventeen to pick it up or we're going to lose part of the story thread. Where Jesus said, Think not that I come to destroy the law or the prophets. They all seem to think He came to destroy it, today. Did He come to destroy? He said not to destroy but to fulfill and I've shown you the last two broadcasts that James says, we must follow His example and also fulfill the law. And Paul write to us in (Roman 13:10) that love, is the fulfilling of the law. And it's the love of God shed abroad in our hearts with the Holy Spirit. The very spirit of God is God's law in action in our lives. That's what it is and unless you, with the Spirit of God in you, are actually fulfilling the law of God and living according to all ten of God's commandments, I want to tell you, [you do not have the Holy Spirit of God](#). I don't care what tongues you have spoken, I don't care with what charity you give to people, I don't care what else you have, you are not speaking according, you do not have the law of God. And, whatever tongues you spoken with are not those of the Holy Spirit of God but of a different spirit altogether..., or some deceptive or something. Unless, the Spirit of God in you is fulfilling the law of God..., because that is what the Spirit of God will do; to open your mind to understanding, so you'll understand the law of God and that you should obey it. And that it's God's will not ours that must be done. That [God is the only one with a mind great enough to know the right way for human beings to follow](#).

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HWA: God gave us minds, animals don't have minds, they can't think like we can, they can't plan and carry out their plans to execution. We have part of the creative powers, God has given us a little of His own power of mind and thinking and making decisions and acting and doing. But, only a little. Our minds are not capable of getting a right understanding. God's mind, is the only one that is perfect and can think out the right way for us to live. Man, for six thousand years, has been trying to think out the way that seemed right and reasonable and best to Him, and it's only been causing all this trouble that we have all over the earth. (**INTERLUDE: 13:34 M/S to 14:43 M/S -- WHY WERE YOU BORN**)

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HWA: Now, isn't it about time that we begin to realize that our minds have their limitations? And that we have not seen this picture clearly, and have not know the way of life and that God along knows it. And that God in His great love, for us, His created beings, has revealed His truth and His way to us if we'd only open up our minds and put down our stubborn rebellion against a

God that loves us and created us..., and quit turning around the very thing that our savior came and said in the message He brought us, and accept it as it is. Then we could begin to find some happiness and some peace and prosperity because God's will for us is every enjoyment and happiness and rightful pleasure in the world. God would never take away anything that was good and any pleasure that is right and good and yet most people today think the only thing living for is the pleasures that God denies and that God's law is hard, harsh and stern and contrary to our interest.

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HWA: Oh, I want to tell you, those that have been leading the blind in that direction and perhaps they're blind themselves, they're going to fall in the ditch, there blindness won't save them, but the blind lead the blind both are going to fall in the ditch. And if they're blind, they don't know any better, that's true. And maybe they're sincere and maybe they're honest. They're blinded. Yes, they're deceived. A deceive man it usually honest. The man who is not honest, isn't deceived, he knows he's wrong and deliberately does that way

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HWA: Now, will suppose to fulfill the law of God and it is the love of God in our hearts that does it and James says, that if we break the great law, thou shalt love thy neighbors as thyself, you're committing sin. And if we break on point of it, we're guilty. And he went on to mention that the law has points, he mentioned two of them, and they were two of the Ten Commandments. And if you don't break one of those points or one of those commandments but you do break the other one you've committed sin. It doesn't make any difference which one you break, it doesn't make any difference which one you think is the least; if you break it you have committed sin and the penalty of sin is death; eternal death, eternal punishment. The punishment is death. Now, then, we come to this, verily, I say unto you, Jesus said though heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, that is not the crossing of a tee, or the dotting of an eye shall pass from the law until all be fulfilled. That is, we are to fulfill the law and everybody will be fulfilling it. And the whole earth will at last lie in peace, the very sight will exult and the flowers and the trees will rejoice when finally all people are living according to the law of God.

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HWA: Why, it's only when the nations come up to the Kingdom of God and say, hey let's find His way, and walk in His path the law is going forth from Zion that they'll begin to beat their swords into plough shares and their spearheads in to pruning hooks and nations shall not lift up sword against

nation and they'll learn war no more as you read in very fourth chapter of Micah. Yes, and you'll find it's when the nations are keeping the commandments of God and not until then. Then we'll have world peace. Whosoever therefore, continues Jesus, shall break one of these least commandments, which do you think is the least, which is the one you don't want to keep. Are there nine of them that you're willing to do and some of them say Jesus knocked all in the head and killed them all, and then the Apostles, I guess, contrary to Jesus, brought nine of them back. There's one of them they don't like. 18:16.