

The Backward Outline of the Sermon on the Mount:

1. **Persecuted** (8th Beatitude – verse 10) = 5:11-16 – (Persecution, Salt and Light)

- The last Beatitude about persecution is the first thing discussed by Christ in His sermon.

2. **Peacemakers** (7th Beatitude – verse 9) = 5:21-26 – (Anger and Reconciliation)

- The 7th Beatitude is the 2nd point of Jesus in His sermon when He expounds on the opposite of peacemaking with anger and the point of peacemaking with reconciliation.

3. **Pure in heart** (6th Beatitude – verse 8) = 5:27-37 – (Lust, Divorce and Oaths)

- The 6th Beatitude about purity of heart is the 3rd point in the sermon of Jesus where He talks about lust and adultery of heart, divorce and lack of integrity.

4. **Merciful** (5th Beatitude – verse 7) = 5:38-6:4 – (Vengeance, Loving Enemies and Charity)

- Jesus expounded on what it means to be merciful by condemning vengeance and encouraging love and charity (even toward the unlovable and ungrateful).

5. **Hunger/Thirst for Righteousness** (4th Beatitude – verse 6) = 6:5-6:18 – (Prayer and Fasting)

- Those who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness will feast covenantally and fast non-hypocritically

6. **Meekness** (3rd Beatitude – verse 5) = 6:19-6:34 – (Greed and Anxiety)

- Meekness is strength under humble control rather than greed for control or anxiety about not being in control.

7. **Mourners** (2nd Beatitude – verse 4) = 7:1-7:6 – (Hypocritical Judging)

- Mourning over the log in your own eye (being spiritually bankrupt apart from Christ) versus hypocritically judging others for the speck in their own eye.

8. **Poor in spirit** (1st Beatitude – verse 3) = 7:7-12 – (Ask and it will be Given)

- Poverty of spirit (the 1st Beatitude) sets the stage for one of Christ's last points in His sermon to ask and it will be given.

9. **Conclusion** – 7:13-27