

PRE-CAMP SPECIAL

Saturday, 7 March 2026

Text: Matthew 5:48; 1 Peter 5; 2 Corinthians 7:1; Luke 6:40

Title: "Be Perfect" Matthew 5:48

INTRODUCTION

1. The Themes to be explored at this year's Family Camp
 - a) The concept of "Being Perfect"
 - b) The concept of "Perfecting Holiness"
2. The Source of these two themes
 - a) The Lord Jesus Himself
 - b) This was the essence of His teaching for His Disciples
3. The Gospel of Matthew
 - a) Instructive
 - b) Interactive
 - c) Inspirational

AN OVERVIEW OF THE LIFE OF THE LORD JESUS

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| 1. The genealogy of the Lord Jesus | Matthew 1 |
| 2. The Visit of the Wise Men | Matthew 2 |
| 3. The Ministry of the Forerunner | Matthew 3 |
| 4. The Baptism (Anointing of the Lord Jesus) | Matthew 3 |
| 5. The Tempting of the Lord Jesus by Satan | Matthew 4 |
| 6. The Commencement of Public Ministry | Matthew 4 |
| 7. Calling of Disciples to follow Him | Matthew 4 |

THE DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM OF THE LORD JESUS

1. The Call of the Lord Jesus

- a) To follow Him
- b) To become fishers of men Matthew 4:18-22

2. The On-going Ministry of the Lord Jesus

- a) Teaching
- b) Preaching the Gospel
- c) Healing Ministry
- d) Casting out demons
- e) Successful Ministry of the Lord Matthew 4:23-25

FOUNDATIONAL/ FUNDAMENTAL KNOWLEDGE

1. The word "Disciple"

- a) Essence is that of "Learning"
- b) Knowledge and wisdom to be sought and obtained

2. The Lord Jesus as The Teacher

- a) He was the greatest Teacher
- b) He taught from the Scriptures
- c) He addressed wrong teachings
- d) He lived out His teachings
- e) He taught with tremendous authority
- f) The Disciples would have to learn the lessons by seeking to internalize all that they were learning from the Lord Jesus as their Teacher

MATTHEW 5-7

1. These Chapters are commonly called “The Sermon on the Mount”

2. Matthew 5

- a) The Beatitudes Matthew 5:1-12
- b) What Disciples were meant to be:
 - i) Salt
 - ii) Light
 - iii) City on a hill Matthew 5:13-16

3. A strong emphasis on

- a) Correct Knowledge
- b) Conduct of the Disciples
- c) Committed to living out our Faith in the Lord

4. An Important focus on the Doctrine of God as Father

- a) The Disciples must maintain good works
- b) Their works would then be light that shines brightly
- c) They would then glorify God the Father Matthew 5:16

5. Teaching on the subject of Righteousness

- a) The focus is not on Theological argumentation
- b) The challenge is to practise True Righteousness Matthew 5:17-20

6. Correcting false concepts

- a) The 6th Commandment addressed and corrected Matthew 5:21-26
- b) The 7th Commandment addressed and corrected Matthew 5:27-30
- c) The Divorce clause Matthew 5:31
- d) The 3rd Commandment addressed and corrected Matthew 5:33-37

- d) It is possible to be “perfectly trained”
 - i) The disciple becomes like his teacher
 - ii) We become like the Lord Jesus

THE GOALS OF THE FAMILY CAMP

1. To understand the Biblical teaching of “Holiness”
2. To encourage the practice of holiness
3. To learn how we can “Perfect Holiness”
4. Two main texts would be used
 - a) Morning Bible Study
1 Peter
 - b) Evening Devotions
2 Corinthians