

Study Notes and Questions for Matthew Chapter Five

- Why do we call this chapter the beginning of **The Sermon on the Mount**?
- Describe the Beatitudes? What are they?
- Why do you think the final beatitude is doubled and expanded upon? What does the Lord want us to know?
- Jesus said that we are salt and light. How are we like salt and light?
- List the ways “salt” may have lost its saltiness or “light” may be hidden.
- How did Jesus “fulfill” the law (5:17–20)? What does it mean to “fulfill” the law, and why is this important?
- Since we don’t really use oaths that much in our culture, how should we interpret and apply Jesus’ words about not taking oaths?
- Are Jesus’ words in 5:38–42 a call to renounce self-defense? Why or why not?
- How is it possible to love your enemies (5:43–47)?
- What portion of this study spoke to you the most?