

The New World Order *Matt. 5:1-8:4*

Thoughts to keep in mind:

1. There is an old world order and a new kingdom.
2. There is an eternal divide between the two world orders.
3. The New Order, the kingdom of God, turns the broken world system **upside-down**
4. The kingdom will not overturn the world system if it stays on the top of the mountain

An overview of what the kingdom of God is: A Blessed, New World Order

- I. New Covenant
 - New Mediator—Christ instead of Moses
 - New Nation—12 apostles instead of the 12 tribes
 - New Relationship: “sons of God,” “sons of your Father,” “pray to your Father”
 - New Way—GRACE: blessings come **before** the law, not after—Deut. 28-30
- II. New Mindset—spirit of the law, self-surrender, love, secret devotion, God-focus
- III. New Authority (7:29)—to turn the world upside-down

Read Matt. 5:1-8:4

A prism to look through: the difference between life in the world and life in the kingdom

Old World Thinking is **Self-promotion**.

- Pride—did we not do many mighty works in Your name?
- Materialism—treasures on earth, anxiety
- Hypocrisy—“seen by others,” judging, wolves in sheep’s clothing

New World Thinking is **Self-surrender**.

- Humility—Beatitudes, pray in secret
- Hope—treasures in heaven, not anxious
- Love—extra mile, turn the cheek, do unto others, merciful, peacemakers

Reflections:

1. Our Ruler Turned the World Upside-Down
2. Our Teaching Turns the World Upside-Down
3. Our Lives Should Turn the World Upside-Down
4. The Savior Wants to Turn Your World Upside-Down

Our Ruler Turned the World Upside-Down

- a. The God of the universe became a helpless infant.
- b. The Provider took the role of a poor carpenter.
- c. The King humbled Himself to become a Servant.

- d. The Judge was sentenced and punished as a Criminal.
- e. The Holy One swallowed up Hell and entered a tomb.
- f. The Eternal Life abolished death.

Our Teaching Turns the World Upside-Down—this is not what the world believes!!

- a. Blessing comes *before* obedience.
- b. Trust is a greater virtue than independence.
- c. Hide your devotion, if you wish to be seen.
- d. Relationship is more important than results.
- e. The truly rich person is the one who sells everything for love.
- f. If you need *physical* provisions, seek *spiritual* treasures.
- g. Better to be totally in love with God than to be well-rounded.
- h. Judge yourself before criticizing others.
- i. Magnify the wishes of others above your own needs.

Our Lives Should Turn the World Upside-Down

- If “the world is going downhill,” it’s because the church hasn’t yet gone down the Mount.

Acts 17:6: And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also.

1 Pet. 2:9: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Our Royal Priesthood Turns the World Upside-Down

- a. We model the character of the gospel—Beatitudes, salt and light
- b. We speak the gospel with royal “authority”
- c. We demonstrate the gospel with royal authority
 - Destroy the works of the devil—“the way things are”
 1. Poverty and Injustice
 2. Despair
 3. Sickness and Death
 4. Demonic Oppression
 5. Addiction and Slavery
- a. We confirm the gospel with royal love and compassion

The Savior Wants to Turn Your World Upside-Down—(Matthew 8:3)

- He is compassionate—“I am willing”
- He is powerful—“Be cleansed.”
- He is not ashamed of you—“touched him.”

It is *contact* with Jesus that saves us.

It is contact with Jesus that saves others. Our mission is to bring the healing touch of Jesus to those who are outcast and suffering.