

Proverbs 4:18-19

- 18** The path of the righteous is like the morning sun,
shining ever brighter till the full light of day.
- 19** But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness;
they do not know what makes them stumble.

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which increases in intensity until the day is full,
but the way of the wicked is black pitch
and littered with obstacles which foul the feet.

W. McKane translation



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Psalm 37:5 Commit your way to the Lord,
trust in him and he will do this:
He will make your righteous reward
shine like the dawn,
your vindication like the noonday sun.

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Jeremiah 23:12 Therefore their path will become
slippery they will be banished to
the darkness and there they will fall.
I will bring disaster on them in the
year they are punished.



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Noah got Drunk



Moses murdered



David committed adultery

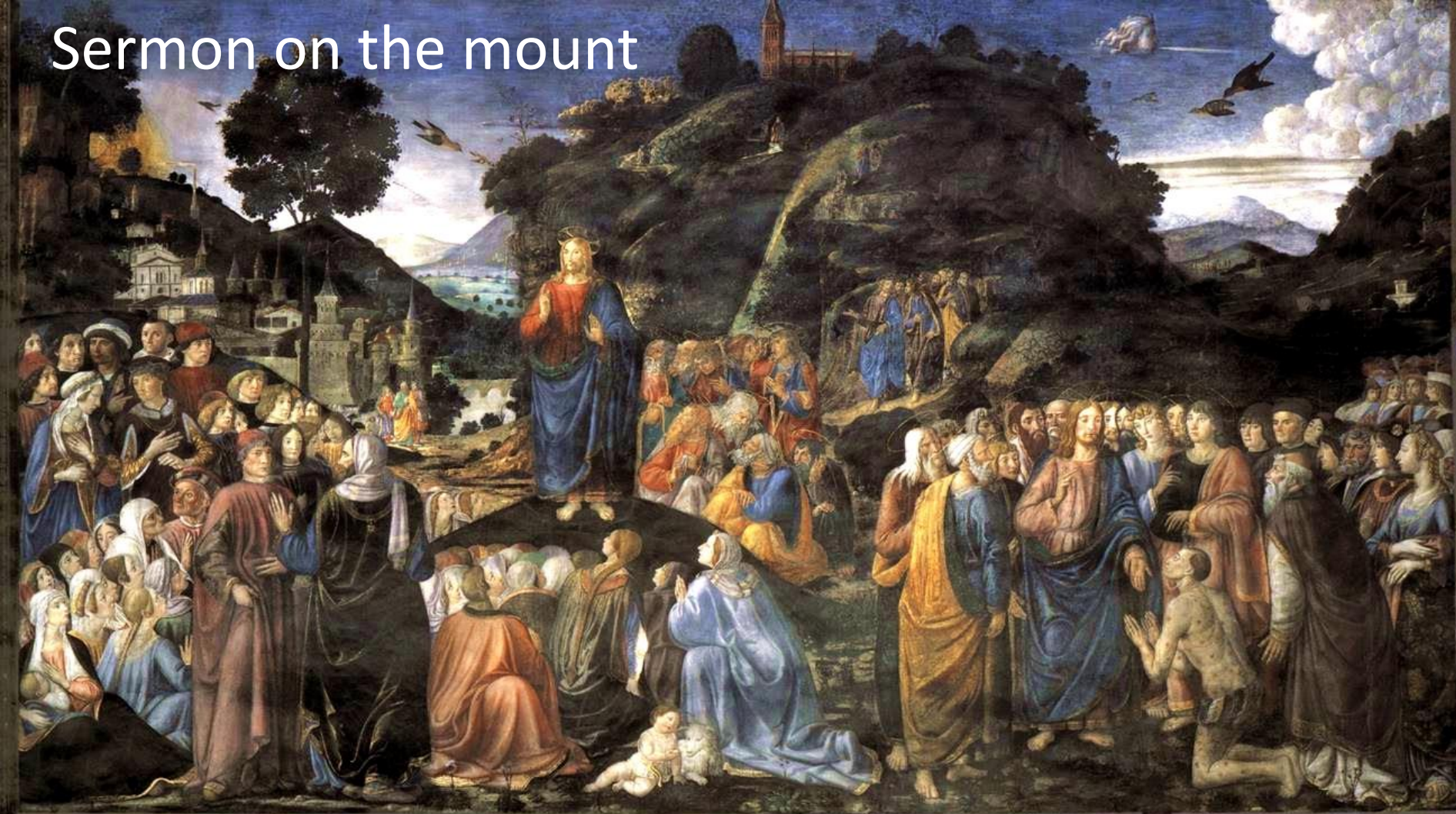




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Sermon on the mount



Matthew 9:9-13



¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

Matthew 9:9-13



¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

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Tax collectors



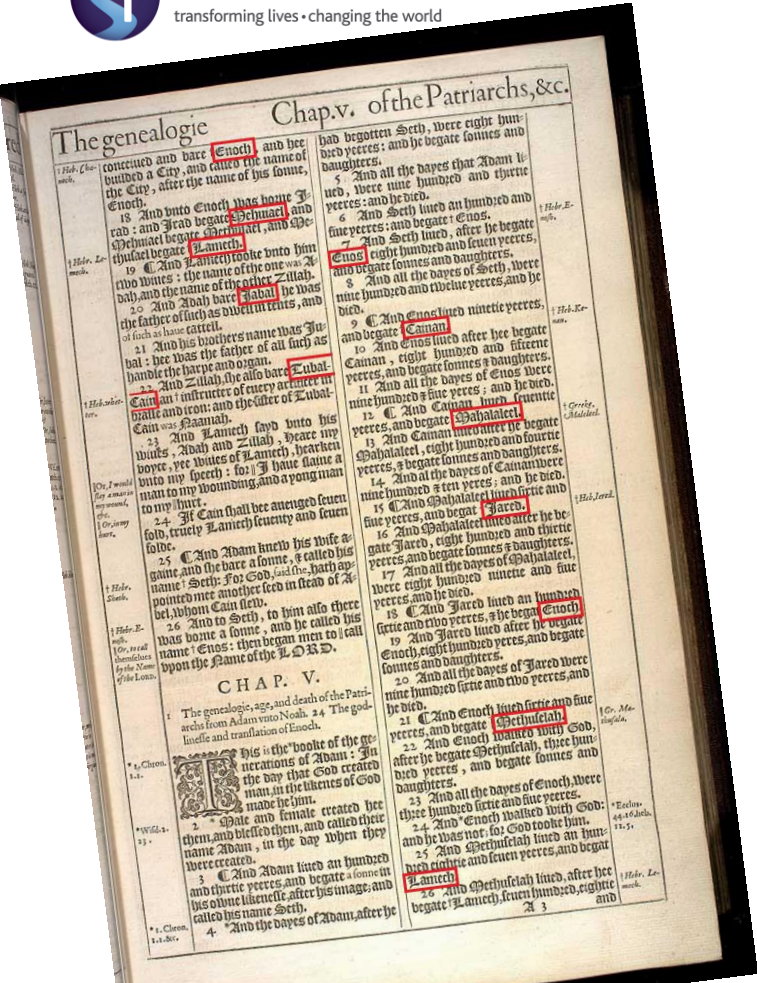
Pharisees



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Descendents of Cain	Descendents of Seth
Enoch	Enos
Irada	Cainan
Mehujael	Mahalaleel
Methushael	Jared
Lamech	Enoch
Jabal	Methuselah
Tubal-Cain	Lamech
	Noah



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-  it deals with **generalisations *not* specifics**



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**Does it,
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But sometimes we have to wait

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