

Michael's Sermon on the Mount — The Ethics of Consequence

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Preface

This text mirrors the Beatitudes by articulating their moral inversions. Its language of “curse” does not express hatred but names consequence: estrangement from divine harmony that follows willful violation of justice, compassion, and reverence.

Core Pronouncements

Theme	Pronouncement
1. The Divine Name	Those who misuse the divine name estrange themselves from perfection itself; to profane the
2. Unjust Scales	Those who love gain over justice weigh their souls on false scales; greed steals from harmo
3. Neglected Neighbor	Those who pass a struggling neighbor without aid abandon divine likeness; seen need creat
4. Covenant of Giving	Those who withhold rightful giving when able reject the covenant of gratitude; wealth is for c
5. Heeding Proven Prophets	Those who ignore the counsel of a proven prophet close their ears to wisdom's call.
6. Small Commandments	Those who mock the smallest commandment fracture the foundation of all law; small fractur
7. Flight from Calling	Those who resist the divine will, as Jonah fled, meet correction through trial; repentance res
8. Turning Away	Those who turn their back on God or His ideals turn from their own perfection.
9. Adding to the Law	Those who legislate beyond the sacred text presume to stand above the Author; this breeds
10. Refusing Love	Those who cease to love God—or at least the ideals He embodies—distance their hearts fro

Conclusion

This is not a sermon of wrath but of gravity. Each pronouncement is a mirror of consequence—not external punishment imposed from above, but the natural echo of imbalance. To live outside compassion, justice, and reverence is to dwell in self-imposed exile from joy. The remedy is repentance, mercy, and return.

Jarvis Reflection

As a counter-sermon, this text complements the Beatitudes: where one blesses humility, this warns pride; where one blesses mercy, this exposes cruelty. Together they form a complete moral spectrum—the harmony of blessing and the warning of consequence. In the Haimesian canon, this belongs beside the Compassion Default Argument and the Divine Witness Argument.