New Testament for Ministry
Lecture #3 Outline: Sermon on the Mount

I. Importance of Sermon on the Mount (SM)
   A. Most Famous Teaching of Jesus?
   B. Ethics of Jesus
   C. Historical Issues in Interpretation
   D. Interpreting the SM in light of Redemptive History (i.e., Christological presupposition)
   E. Christology in the SM
      1. Sonship & Obedience
      2. Righteousness
      3. Will of the Father
      4. Summary
   F. Ethics of the SM
      1. General Principles (Bavinck)
      2. SM and Kingdom of Heaven
   G. Ethics and the Life of Christ

II. Beatitudes (5:3-12)
   A. Redemption
   B. OT Background
   C. Meaning of “Blessed”
   D. Beatitudes and Kingdom
   E. Structure and Exegesis
   F. Salt and Light (5:13-16)

III. Key Passage (5:17-20)
   A. 5:17
   B. 5:18
   C. 5:19
   D. 5:20

IV. Antitheses (5:21-48)
   A. Interpretive Keys
   B. Anger and Life (5:21-26)
   C. Lust and Adultery (5:27-30)
   D. Divorce (5:31-32)
      1. Matthew 19
      2. Deut. 24
      3. Gen 1-2
   E. Oaths (5:33-37)
   F. Lex Talionis (5:38-42)
      1. Just War
   G. Love for Enemies (5:43-48)
V. Remainder of the Body of the SM (6:1-7:27)
   A. Lord’s Prayer (6.5–13)
   B. Instructions in Matthew 6
   C. Instructions in Matthew 7
   D. Golden Rule (7:12)
   E. Two Covenantal Paths (7:13-14)
   F. Entering the Kingdom & Building on the Rock (7.21-27)