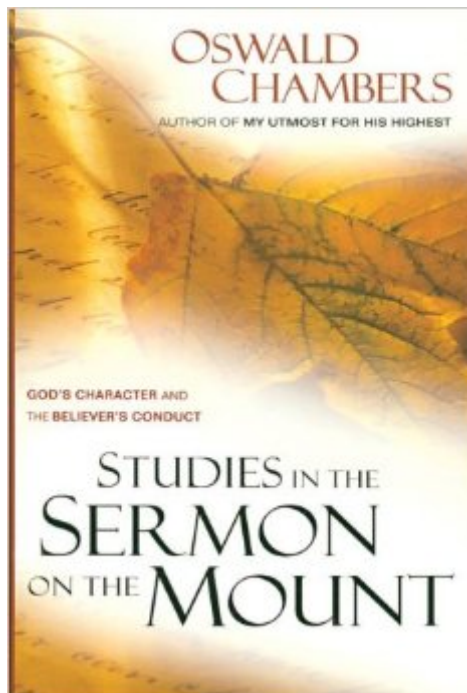


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Synopsis

All Christians need desperately to read this little volume again and again, until it sinks down into our subconscious minds; all that matters is our relationship with God! P. L., Michigan Oswald Chambers's most well-known title, the devotional *My Utmost for His Highest*, has established him as one of the most influential teachers of our time. But did you know he wrote books on the Bible as well? Now you can take advantage of this teacher's profound insight on Matthew 5-7 and what it means to focus on God and God alone.

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Among all the doctrine, parables, and lessons of the Bible, none is as difficult to walk in as The Sermon on the Mount. Jesus' teachings, captured in Matthew 5, challenge and convict all thoughtful believers. Oswald Chambers offers radical insights into those difficult-to-live-out principles. For example: "The Sermon on the the Mount produces despair in the heart of the natural man, and that is the very thing Jesus means it to do." p.10 and, "[Jesus] did not come to teach us only: He came to make us what He teaches we should be." p.10 Even the most mature believer will be challenged by Chambers as he gets infinitely close to our tender spots: "Most of us are pagans in a crisis; we think and act like pagans." p.57 Oswald Chambers, best known for his no-nonsense, plain speaking about the most difficult truths in the Christian experience hits the mark time and time again in this special book. This is real meat for the hungry soul.

This incredible little book opens the door to the Sermon on the Mount. Chambers emphasizes that Christ's teachings are not just good words to live by - but a radical view of life that goes against our natural way of doing things. He makes that point throughout that the only way to live the life Jesus outlines is by knowing Him and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Chambers takes of the religious trappings of this teaching and covers it in a way that makes it real and meaningful.

First I would like to point out that the dark cover shown in the first photo for this product is not the one the publisher is shipping. Oswald Chambers highlights the ability of God in contrast to our inability. And then he challenges you directly to wholly lean on God for your strength to obey God. He emphasizes that the Holy Spirit will come through to help you obey. He's very direct without fancy illustrations. However his typical word picture or illustration usually packs a whale of a punch, driving home the point with a spiritual weightiness not found in many books. I love this guy and highly recommend this particular book. It's worth every penny. An illustration of this is how he couches the idea that you are the salt of the earth against the idea that God has not called us as some seem to believe to be the sugar of the earth. In a few sentences he demolishes what was a very popular view of how Christians should be. He then examines the effects of salt in a few situations (wound dressing for one example) to show that we must impact those around us even if it doesn't feel good for them initially. He doesn't waste your time with long stories that feel good but don't have a lot of power in them. He packs each paragraph. There are many meaty thoughts in this book. Don't hesitate to purchase a copy if you have an extra eight bucks.

I know there are lots of folks familiar with the devotional by Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*. I've enjoyed it myself for years (still receive it daily in my email), and have copies in the original printing and also a copy in contemporary language by James Reimann; very good stuff. It was my experience and enjoyment of this devotional classic that prompted my purchase of *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount: God's Character and the Believer's Conduct* also by Oswald Chambers. I have one word for you that describes my impressions; magnificent. There. I am one of the group of people that believe Jesus was describing his kingdom followers on this earth when he spoke the words and teaching of the Sermon on the Mount. It is for this reason that I take such a particular fondness to this work by Oswald Chambers. Rest assured, this little book is not for the faint of heart. If you are familiar with the devotional works of *My Utmost for His Highest*, you'll already be used to the no-holds-barred delivery of Chambers. He certainly doesn't pull any

punches. I love it. In a day and age where many would rather explain away the teaching of Jesus or reduce it to winsome metaphors, Oswald yanks our heads out of the clouds and plants us firmly back on the ground with a "He means what He speaks, people" call to arms. Check this: "Beware of placing our Lord as Teacher first instead of Savior. That tendency is prevalent today, and it is a dangerous tendency. We must know Him first as Savior before His teaching can have any meaning for us or before it can have any meaning other than that of an ideal that leads to despair." If you've got the moxy and a heart to really take in the teaching of Jesus, I suggest giving this little book a good read. It's not a big book at around one hundred pages or so, and it's not terribly expensive (sacrifice a mcmeal or venti latte or two and you'll have it covered). Highly recommended... read it and weep, with tears of repentant joy.

I'm about half-way through the book and it's interesting and good for my spiritual growth. But here's the rub about this particular version that I wish I'd known: the print is old time print that is I assume meant to recreate the original version, but is hard on the eyes. It's a little bigger in size, thank god because otherwise it would be impossible to read because it's not solid print (the letters look somewhat worn or something). My recommendation is buy this book if you are interested, just don't buy this version bc it's hard to read - Oswald Chambers has such interesting insight into the sermon on the mount that I've never heard before, which really helps spiritual growth. I wish it just had normal print that wasn't so hard on the eyes.

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