

Abstract

This thesis deals with the interpretation of the text of the Beatitudes in the Gospel of Matthew. It is an attempt to evaluate the reference text in terms of Christian ethics. It poses the question of the presence of morally relevant content, ethical implications, in Jesus' Beatitudes. In an effort to understand the text it first discusses the proper handling of the Biblical text and hermeneutics as an effort to understand the text. With the standardized explanatory commentary the exegesis of the reference text Mt 5,3–12 is made. Based on the evaluation of the interpretations the thesis is determined. But the work does not finish with the exegesis of the text, but attempts to move towards the theological ethics. It identifies the Beatitudes as particularly emphasized attitudes. Christological interpretation of the Beatitudes as a portrait of Jesus is attached in the last chapter.