

Matthews Gospel "The Sermon On The Mount"
"The Christian And Anger"
Matthew 5:21-26
Part-18

- Matt 5:21-22

Matt 5:17-48 Christian's Righteousness:

The Key Verse in the Sermon: Matthew 5:20

Jesus gives 6 illustrations of Kingdom Righteousness. That our righteousness needs to surpass that of the Scribes and Pharisees.

Each one starts with the phrase: "You have heard." 6 X's

Jesus then says to the people - "But I say to you" 7 X's

1. Christian and Anger – Matt 5:21-26
2. Christian and Sex – Matt 5:27-30
3. Christian and Divorce – Matt 5:31-32
4. Christian & Sincere Speech – Matt 5:33-37
5. Christian and Revenge – Matt 5:38-42
6. Christian and Love – Matt 5:43-48

We will look at 3 areas in our study:

1. Verse – 21 Letter Of The Law:
2. Verse – 22 Spirit Of The Law:
3. Verses – 23-26 Application Of The Law:

1. Verse – 21 Letter Of The Law:

- Matt 5:21

"You have heard that the ancients were told, Notice, it does not say "You have read in the Law of Moses"

The Jews were taken captivity (586-583 B.C.) to Babylon. Upon their return from captivity under Ezra and Nehemiah the people had lost their Hebrew dialect. They were not speaking or reading Hebrew, but Aramaic.

- **Only the Priests of the Rabbinical schools held to the dialect**

- **The people were dependent upon the priests to expound the Old Testament Scripture**

The Bible Teaches War – • 1 Sam 15:3

The Bible Teaches Capital Punishment – • Gen 9:6

Jesus has placed a responsibility on the Governments of the world to execute justice: • Rom. 13:1-7 to bear the sword and bring wrath.

'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER' It should be translated "shall not murder" as opposed to "not kill"

Murder – “the offense of unlawfully killing a human being with malice afore thought, expressed or implied.”

- Numbers 35:30

- Luke 16:15

2. Verse – 22 Spirit Of The Law:

- Matt 5:22

Preserving Human Relationships: Jesus considers anger as equal to murder. Angry - “festering, brooding, wrathful anger”

Anger is not always sinful: • Eph 4:26

1. Righteous Anger - It is motivated by that which is right. This is set on fire by the alter of heaven. • Ps. 119:53

- Mark 3:5

Anger Over Sin – (• John 2:13-22) Jesus in the Temple over turned the table and ran the religious leaders out.

- Gal 2:14 Paul rebuked Peter publicly because of his hypocrisy.

2. Unrighteous Anger – This anger is personal it is against us not God. Something that offends us, that brings irritation. It can involve our pride.

Anger Against People - Jesus says that it's murder. The anger that desires revenge, that wants to destroy. (Personal anger)

- 1 John 3:15

Wrong Form of Anger Is Blowing Up: Eph 4:26 AND YET DO NOT SIN;

Wrong Form of Anger Is Claming Up: Eph 4:26 do not let the sun go down on your anger.

This is also speaking about putting a limit on our anger.

- Eph. 4:27

Raca – Aramaic word for an (Insult) - act of contempt. "Empty, vain, lack of intelligence, we would say, Block head, Numskull, Bonehead, Brainless, Jerk, idiot, or "Air head"

and whoever shall say, 'You fool,' Fool - (Character Attack) moral attack: attack on a persons character Literally "Moros" - word "Moron" - slur on reputation.

- Matt 23:17

3. Verses – 23-26 Application Of The Law:

- Matt 5:23

**Verses – 23-24 Preserving Human Relationships:
Christian Verses Christian:**

- Matt 5:24

reconciled – “to change the mind of anyone, to renew friendship with another”

- 1 Sam 15:22

- 1 Peter 3:7

**Verses – 25-26 Preserving Human Relationships:
Christian Verses Non-Christian:**

- Matt 5:25

Deal with the Offense Quickly: "Make friends quickly with your opponent at law

- 1 Cor 6:1-8.
- Romans 12:18-21
- Matt 5:26
- Heb 12:14-15

Application:

Two Things We Can Do:

1. **Admit** - Confess that we are guilty and it is clearly a sin. Words of contempt, words that destroy and attack ones character. (Without a cause is unrighteous anger)

2. **Repent** - Change of mind, change in thinking. It is to turn from our way and turn to another.

1. Turn from anger - Stop allowing anger to control you

2. Turn to Christ

1. **Negative** - Don't sin in unrighteous anger, personal pride for self.

2. **Positive** - Righteous anger, hate for sin, and the things that God hates.

3. **Reason** - Brooding in anger is out of control, gives the devil an opportunity to come in and destroy.