

Matthews Gospel "The Sermon On The Mount"
"The Christian And Sex"
Matthew 5:27-30
Part-19

Jesus, in our passage is giving the Divine interpretation of the 7th Commandment: Ex 20:14 "You shall not commit adultery.

The Religious focus was "External Righteousness."

Everything the religious did led to self-glorification -

Matt 5:17-48 Christian's Righteousness:

The Key Verse in the Sermon: Matthew 5:20

Jesus shows six ways that our righteousness can exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees.

We will look at 3 areas in our study:

1. Verse – 27 Letter Of The Law:
2. Verse – 28 Spirit Of The Law:
3. Verses – 29-30 Application Of The Law:

1. Verse – 27 Letter Of The Law:

- Matt 5:27

"You have heard that it was said, Notice it does not say, "You have read in the Law of Moses"

The Jews were taken captivity (586-583 B.C.) to Babylon.

Jesus, in the previous passage gave the Divine interpretation of the 6th Commandment: Ex. 20:13 "You shall not murder."

- Matt 5:22

7Th Commandment Ex 20:14

'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY'; adultery - The simplest meaning is: "unfaithfulness in the marriage relationship on the part of either the husband or the wife." "The unlawful sexual relations with the spouse of another"

There was such a thing as sexual identity. Deuteronomy 22:5

The New Testament word "Immorality" AV – fornication - porneia {por-ni'-ah} it is by this word we get our term "pornography." "Illicit sexual acts; It is used of those that have sexual relations before, during and outside of marriage. Immorality or fornication covers all sexual relations outside of the bounds of marriage. Premarital, extramarital, homosexual, lesbian, pedophilia, and bestiality.

This word covers the 2 forms of sexual perversion:

Adultery - (Extra-marital) Involving a marriage partner, one or both.

Fornication - (Pre-marital) involving sex outside the bounds of marriage.

- Hebrews 13:4
- 1 Cor 6:18
- Lev 20:10

2. Verse – 28 Spirit Of The Law:

- Matt 5:28

to lust for her "to covet, have a desire for, long for, to desire to lust after, those who seek things forbidden" The mind, imagination, and the thoughts.

1. To desire a right thing passionately for the pleasure that it brings rather than the service it could bring to others. (Self-Centered Pleasure)
2. To desire satisfaction from an object which, for good reasons is placed outside the proper bounds of ones life. (Covetousness)

- 1 John 2:16-17
- Gen 3:6
- Gen 13:10
- 2 Sam 11:2

Jesus uses the Greek aorist tense that conveys that the person has "already committed adultery with the woman" It is accomplished, irreversible fact. This occurs in his heart, in the essence of being.

"Plant a thought, you'll reap an act. If you plant an act, you'll reap a habit. Sow a habit, you reap a life. Sow a life and you reap an eternal consequence."

- Romans 13:14
- 1 Thess 4:5

Samson - Judges 13-16

David - 2 Sam 11:1-4

1. Verse – 1 David was idle not going about God's work.
2. Verse – 2 David was not busy and he looked at a beautiful woman. (Lust took place)
3. Verse – 4 David took her (Act took place)

No sensual sin was ever committed that was not first imagined. Scripture says it, and our own experience confirms it.

Jude 8

Amnon and Tamar - 2 Sam 13:1-18

How can we live by this God given revelation of the 7th Commandment?

3. Verses – 29-30 Application Of The Law:

- Matt 18:8-9

Spiritual mortification – "denial of bodily passions and appetites by abstinence" "not feeding the flesh and its sinful desires."

To be spiritual is to detect right and wrong, not in the act, but in the thought and intention:

- Heb 5:14
- 1 Cor 6:18 Flee immorality

- 2 Tim 2:22 Flee youthful lusts
- Job 31:1
- Matt 5:30

Cultural Amputation:

Joseph's Example: Gen 39:6-12

Positive side is to think on what is good instead of filth:

- Phil 4:8-9

Application:

- Romans 8:13

1. Is God saying that we need to put some things out of our sight? Certain materials? Our visual habits?
2. That a relationship must end! Then it must end today! We are flirting with a person and it is wrong!
3. Some pleasure that is ok for others but not for me! It must go.