

# The Sermon On The Mount

## Lesson 5

### Murder Contrasted With Hateful Anger

Matthew 5:21-26

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### Kingdom Righteousness Contrasted With The Righteousness of The Scribes And Pharisees

- Jesus exposes the misguided, shallow, rebellious righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees and how it conflicted with kingdom righteousness
- He was not contrasting the Old and New Covenants but revealing that hateful anger, adulterous lust, divorce for reasons other than fornication, dishonest promises, taking personal revenge and hating your enemies are sinful under both covenants <sub>4</sub>

### Shallow View of Murder Contrasted With Hateful Anger

Mat 5:21 "You have heard that the ancients were told, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.'

### Shallow View of Murder Contrasted With Hateful Anger

Mat 5:22 "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, 'You good-for-nothing,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty *enough to go* into the fiery hell.

## Shallow View of Murder Contrasted With Hateful Anger

Mat 5:23 "Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

Mat 5:24 leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

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## Shallow View of Murder Contrasted With Hateful Anger

Mat 5:25 "Make friends quickly with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way, so that your opponent may not hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

Mat 5:26 "Truly I say to you, you will not come out of there until you have paid up the last cent.

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## Shallow View of Murder Contrasted With Hateful Anger

- The Law condemned murder in the Ten Commandments
- But the phrase about being liable to the court is not found in the Law
- The Law commanded courts to examine evidence to render the proper punishment for the murderer
- The outward act of murder and possibility of being brought before a court if caught was emphasized

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## Shallow View of Murder Contrasted With Hateful Anger

- The hateful anger that is the root component of all murders was not emphasized but being justified as not being seriously sinful
- Both the Law and the gospel condemn hateful anger as well as the outward act of murder
- Both the Law and the gospel emphasize restraining anger and loving our neighbor

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## Murder and Hateful Anger Condemned Under The Law

Exo 20:13 "You shall not murder.

Num 35:20 'If he pushed him of hatred, or threw something at him lying in wait and as a *result* he died,

Num 35:21 or if he struck him down with his hand in enmity, and as a *result* he died, the one who struck him shall surely be put to death, he is a murderer; the blood avenger shall put the murderer to death when he meets him.

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## Murder and Hateful Anger Condemned Under The Law

Lev 19:17 'You shall not hate your fellow countryman in your heart; you may surely reprove your neighbor, but shall not incur sin because of him.

Lev 19:18 'You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.

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## Murder and Hateful Anger Condemned Under The Law

Psa 37:8 Cease from anger and forsake wrath; Do not fret; *it leads* only to evildoing.

Pro 16:32 He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city.

Pro 17:14 The beginning of strife is *like* letting out water, So abandon the quarrel before it breaks out.

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## Evil Speaking Condemned Under The Law

Pro 6:16 There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him:

Pro 6:17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood,

Pro 6:18 A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil,

Pro 6:19 A false witness *who* utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers.

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## Showing Mercy To Others Taught Under The Law

Pro 3:3 Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart.

Pro 11:17 The merciful man does himself good, But the cruel man does himself harm.

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## Showing Mercy To Others Taught Under The Law

Hos 6:6 For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, And in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Mic 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?

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## Murder Condemned Under The Gospel

Rom 13:9 For this, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

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## Hateful Anger and Evil Speech Condemned Under The Gospel

1Jn 3:15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

Col 3:8 But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth.

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## Hateful Anger and Evil Speech Condemned Under The Gospel

Jas 1:19 *This* you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak *and* slow to anger;

Jas 1:20 for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

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## Hateful Anger and Evil Speech Condemned Under The Gospel

Jas 4:11 Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge *of it*.

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## Straighten Out Conflicts As Soon As Possible

Mat 18:15 "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

Mat 18:16 "But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED.

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## Straighten Out Conflicts As Soon As Possible

Mat 18:17 "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

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## Straighten Out Conflicts As Soon As Possible

Eph 4:25 Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE *of you* WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another.

Eph 4:26 BE ANGRY, AND *yet* DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

Eph 4:27 and do not give the devil an opportunity.

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## Straighten Out Conflicts As Soon As Possible

1Co 6:5 I say *this* to your shame. *Is it so, that* there is not among you one wise man who will be able to decide between his brethren,

1Co 6:6 but brother goes to law with brother, and that before unbelievers?

1Co 6:7 Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded?

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## Replace Evil Speech With Good Speech

Eph 4:29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a *word* as is good for edification according to the need *of the moment*, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

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## Replace Hateful Anger With Mercy and Love

Eph 4:31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

Eph 4:32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

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## Replace Hateful Anger With Mercy and Love

1Co 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind *and* is not jealous; love does not brag *and* is not arrogant,

1Co 13:5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong *suffered*,

1Co 13:6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

1Co 13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>27</sup>

## Replace Hateful Anger With Mercy and Love

1Jn 4:19 We love, because He first loved us.

1Jn 4:20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

1Jn 4:21 And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.

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