

## The Sermon On The Mount v2

Lesson 6  
Murder  
Mat 5:21-26

## Surpassing The Righteousness of The Scribes and Pharisees

1. Apply what we teach to ourselves first
2. Obey from the heart to be seen and praised by God
3. Obey all of God's Word
4. Change from the inside out
5. Follow only traditions in harmony with the Word of God

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## Surpassing The Righteousness of The Scribes and Pharisees

6. Seek God first above all things
7. Trust in God's grace to save us through faith
8. Willing to be corrected by the Word of God

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## Introduction

- In Mat 5:17-19, Jesus had stated His relationship with the Law of Moses and the prophets
- He did not come to violently remove the Law and disregard it but to fulfill it
- He stood for all that was in the Law and encouraged His hearers to follow it while living under it

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## Introduction

- In Matt 5:20 Jesus warns that those who would enter the kingdom must have a level of righteousness that surpassed the scribes and Pharisees
- Their misguided shallow rebellious righteousness had led them to deemphasize inward change while focusing on loosely following outward conduct

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## Introduction

- In Mat 5:21-48, Jesus gives six examples contrasting the flawed righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees with kingdom righteousness
- This kingdom righteousness was in harmony with the Law of Moses under which His hearers lived and were bound to follow
- It was also in harmony with the gospel, new covenant, under which we live today

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## Their Wrong Tradition About Murder

- Instead of following the Law of Moses on murder, they were following unwritten traditions of their elders
- They were more concerned about the possibility of being in court than the seriousness of murder and its underlying cause of uncontrolled anger

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## They Followed Erroneous Traditions of Their Elders

Mat 15:1 Then some Pharisees and scribes \*came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said,

Mat 15:2 "Why do Your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread."

Mat 15:3 And He answered and said to them, "Why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?"

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## They Followed Erroneous Traditions of Their Elders

Mat 15:4 "For God said, 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER,' and, 'HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH.'

Mat 15:5 "But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever I have that would help you has been given to God,"

Mat 15:6 he is not to honor his father or his mother.' And by this you invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition.

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## Their Wrong Tradition About Murder

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.'

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## Murder and Underlying Uncontrolled Anger Condemned By The Law

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.

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## Murder and Underlying Uncontrolled Anger Condemned By 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 Underlying Uncontrolled Anger Condemned By The Law

Num 35:29 'These things shall be for a statutory ordinance to you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

Num 35:30 'If anyone kills a person, the murderer shall be put to death at the evidence of witnesses, but no person shall be put to death on the testimony of one witness.

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### Murder and Underlying Uncontrolled Anger Condemned By The Law

Num 35:31 'Moreover, you shall not take ransom for the life of a murderer who is guilty of death, but he shall surely be put to death.

Num 35:32 'You shall not take ransom for him who has fled to his city of refuge, that he may return to live in the land before the death of the priest.

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### Murder and Underlying Uncontrolled Anger Condemned By The Law

Num 35:33 'So you shall not pollute the land in which you are; for blood pollutes the land and no expiation can be made for the land for the blood that is shed on it, except by the blood of him who shed it.

Num 35:34 'You shall not defile the land in which you live, in the midst of which I dwell; for I the LORD am dwelling in the midst of the sons of Israel.'"

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### Murder and Underlying Uncontrolled Anger Condemned By 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 Underlying Uncontrolled Anger Condemned By 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."

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

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### Murder and Underlying Uncontrolled Anger Condemned By The Gospel

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

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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## Restraining Anger and Quickly Reconciling Taught In The Law

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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## Restraining Anger and Quickly Reconciling Taught In The Law

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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## Restraining Anger and Quickly Reconciling Taught In 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 19:11 A man's discretion makes him slow to anger, And it is his glory to overlook a transgression.

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## Restraining Anger and Quickly Reconciling Taught In The Law

Psa 59:12 On account of the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips, Let them even be caught in their pride, And on account of curses and lies which they utter.

Pro 26:17 Like one who takes a dog by the ears Is he who passes by and meddles with strife not belonging to him.

Pro 26:18 Like a madman who throws Firebrands, arrows and death,

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## Restraining Anger and Quickly Reconciling Taught In The Law

Pro 26:19 So is the man who deceives his neighbor, And says, "Was I not joking?"

Pro 26:20 For lack of wood the fire goes out, And where there is no whisperer, contention quiets down.

Pro 26:21 Like charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire, So is a contentious man to kindle strife.

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## Restraining Anger and Quickly Reconciling Taught In The Law

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

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## Restraining Anger and Quickly Reconciling Taught In The Gospel

1Jn 3:16 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1Jn 3:17 But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?

1Jn 3:18 Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

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## Restraining Anger and Quickly Reconciling Taught In 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.

Jas 1:21 Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

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## Restraining Anger and Quickly Reconciling Taught In The Gospel

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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## Restraining Anger and Quickly Reconciling Taught In The Gospel

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.

Eph 4:30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

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## Restraining Anger and Quickly Reconciling Taught In The Gospel

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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## Murder

1. Their wrong tradition about murder
2. Murder and underlying uncontrolled anger condemned by the Law
3. Murder and underlying uncontrolled anger condemned by the gospel
4. Restraining anger and quickly reconciling taught in the Law
5. Restraining anger and quickly reconciling taught in the gospel

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