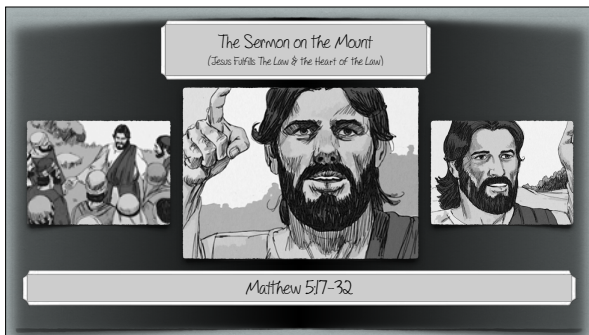


Today's Bible Study is from the "Jesus Said That" Series - Studying every word that Jesus spoke!



Today's sermon is broken into two parts

The first part is: Jesus Fulfills The Law

The second part is: The Heart of the Law

This is taken from: Matthew 5:17-32



On March 6th, I preached the first portion of the Sermon on the Mt. I showed you these pictures of the location in which Jesus spoke

1. We look at the beatitudes,
2. Being salt and light.
3. And being a city on the hill

Here are three pictures from Gennesaret.

1. Church of the Beatitudes
2. Mount of Beatitudes
3. On the Mt. of Beatitudes looking at the Sea of Galilee

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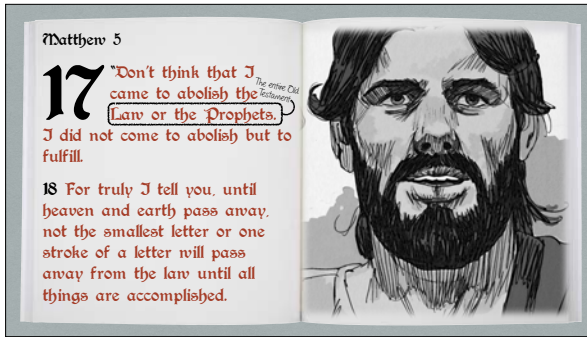
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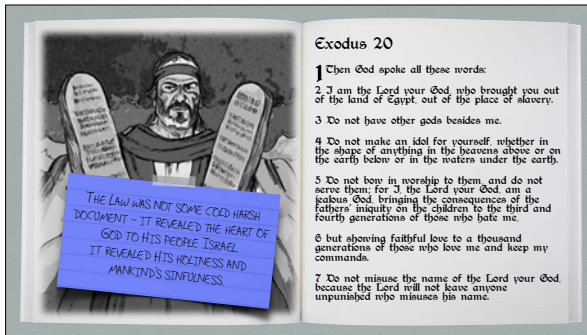
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Now we will pick up where Jesus left



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Jesus did not come to remove the () Old Testament or to destroy its teachings & prophecies. No, He came to complete the Old Testament - He came to fulfill it and finish it.



We tend to think of the Law as a bad thing - but it was very good and served a wonderful purpose!

() The Law was not some cold harsh document - it revealed the heart of God to His people Israel - it revealed His holiness and mankind’s sinfulness.



Here is a crash course on understanding the Twofold Law - this is vital for Christians to understand today

() The Law contained 613 commandments. All of these commandments were from God Himself.

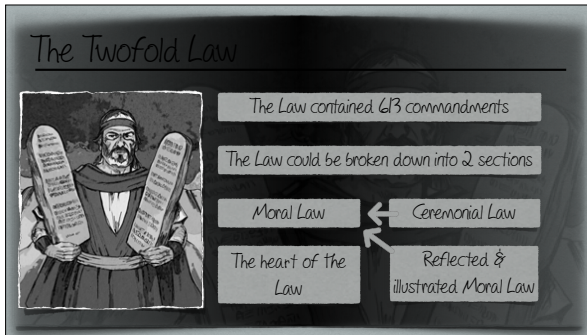
Later Kings and rulers would created laws - but the 613 Laws were from God Himself.

613 might seem like a whole lot of commands - but this was the Jewish legal system - imagine if America only had 613 Laws - our taxes alone have more than 613 laws!

I created a quick video showing each Biblical Law. () *After video plays -

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The Twofold Law



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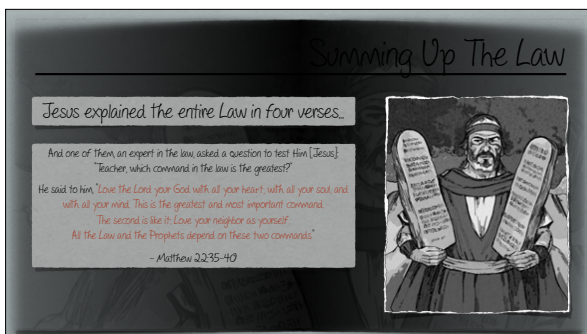
- ▶ These Laws revealed man's sinfulness and the need to lead a holy life.
- ▶ This includes Laws like, you should not kill, you should not steal, and you should serve no other gods but the One true God.

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- ▶ This included sacrifices, offering, festivals.
- ▶ All of these ceremonies () pointed to the Moral Law.

Summing Up The Law

Jesus explained the entire Law in four verses.



And one of them, an expert in the law, asked a question to test Him [Jesus]:
"Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?"

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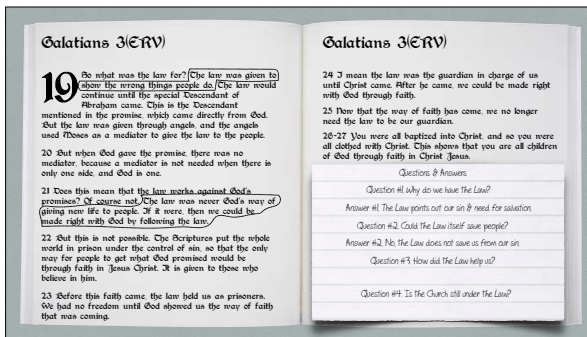
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So what was the point of the Law? Paul tells us in the letter to the Galatians



As you can see - there are four important questions to ask by reading this passage...

19 So what was the law for? The law was given to show the wrong things people do. The law would continue until the special Descendant of Abraham came. This is the Descendant mentioned in the promise, which came directly from God. But the law was given through angels, and the angels used Moses as a mediator to give the law to the people.

Question #1. Why do we have the Law?

*click for line - The law was given to show the wrong things people do.

Answer #1. The Law points out our sin & need for salvation.

20 But when God gave the promise, there was no mediator, because a mediator is not needed when there is only one side, and God is one.

21 Does this mean that the law works against God's promises? Of course not. The law was never God's way of giving new life to people. If it were, then we could be made right with God by following the law.

Question #2. Could the Law itself save people?

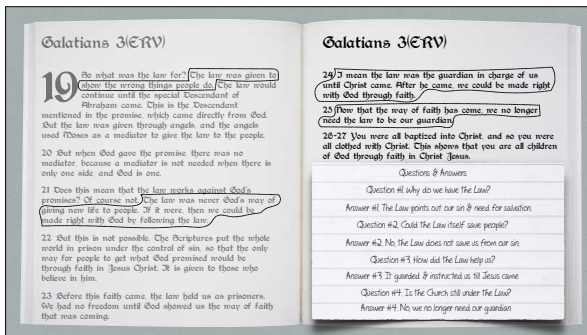
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▶ () Answer #2. No, the Law does not save us from our sin.

22 But this is not possible. The Scriptures put the whole world in prison under the control of sin, so that the only way for people to get what God promised would be through faith in Jesus Christ. It is given to those who believe in him.

23 Before this faith came, the law held us as prisoners. We had no freedom until God showed us the way of faith that was coming.

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24 I mean the law was the guardian in charge of us until Christ came. After he came, we could be made right with God through faith.

▶ () Question #3. How did the Law help us?

▶ () *click for line

▶ () Answer #3. It guarded & instructed us till Jesus came

25 Now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law to be our guardian.

▶ () Question #4. Is the Church still under the Law?

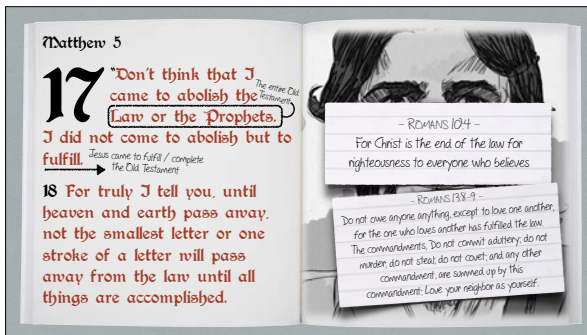
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▶ () Answer #4. No, we no longer need our guardian

26-27 You were all baptized into Christ, and so you were all clothed with Christ. This shows that you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

As a side note - we find in Romans 4 and Galatians 3 (among other text) that all Old Testament saints have been saved by faith - by trusting what God had revealed to them.

Now that we have a basic understanding of the Law - let's look at our passage.



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- ▶ By putting our faith in Jesus’ finished word we are no longer under the Law
- ▶ () **Romans 10:4:**
 - ▶ **For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes**
- ▶ However, the whole point of the Law was not to observed rules - it was made so we would love our neighbors as ourselves

▶ () Romans 13:8-9:

▶ Do not owe anyone anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, Do not commit adultery; do not murder; do not steal; do not covet; and any other commandment, are summed up by this commandment: Love your neighbor as yourself.

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() Prophecies Jesus fulfill according to GotQuestions ()

Matthew 5

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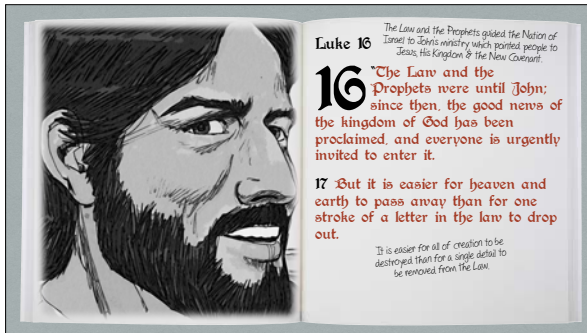
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- ▶ Jesus is clearly teaching the complete authority of God's word as seen in the Old Testament (for the New Testament had not been written yet.)
- ▶ () When the world is destroyed - all details of the scripture would be proven true!
- ▶ All things promised in the Law - to the smallest detail - will come to pass and all would be fulfilled!
- ▶ We can fully trust the entire Old Testament

- ▶ Look what Jesus says in Luke 16

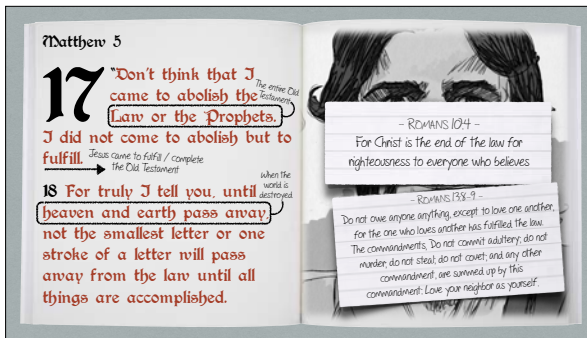


16 "The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then, the good news of the kingdom of God has been proclaimed, and everyone is urgently invited to enter it.

- ▶ () The Law and the Prophets guided the Nation of Israel to John's ministry which pointed people to Jesus & His Kingdom.

17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter in the law to drop out.

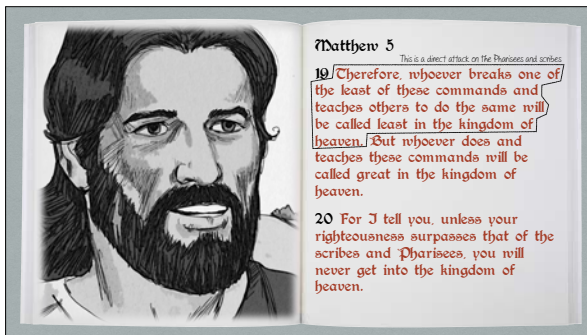
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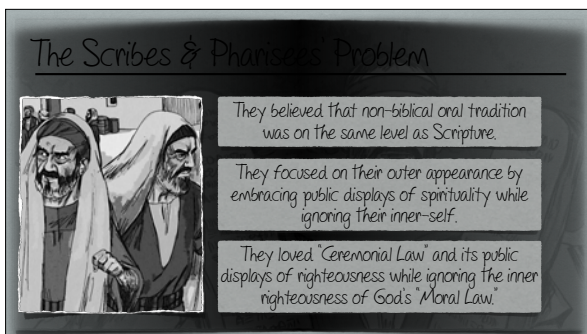
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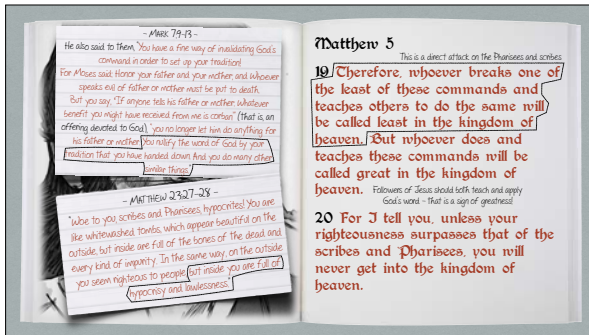
- ▶ () This is a direct attack on the Pharisees and scribes
- ▶ Let me show you...



The Scribes & Pharisees' Problem

- ▶ () They believed that non-biblical oral tradition was on the same level as scripture.
- ▶ () They focused on their outer appearance by embracing public displays of spirituality while ignoring their inner-self.
- ▶ () They loved "Ceremonial Law" and its public displays of

righteousness while ignoring the inner righteousness of God's "Moral Law."



Jesus Himself pointed this out when He said,

▶ () Mark 7:9-13

- ▶ He also said to them, "You have a fine way of invalidating God's command in order to set up your tradition!
- ▶ For Moses said: Honor your father and your mother; and Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must be put to death.
- ▶ But you say, 'If anyone tells his father or mother: Whatever benefit you might have received from me is corban'" (that is, an offering devoted to God), "you no longer let him do anything for his father or mother. You nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many other similar things."

He also said,

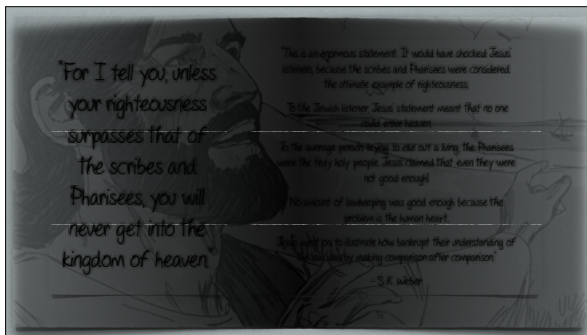
▶ () Matthew 23:27-28

- ▶ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which appear beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of the bones of the dead and every kind of impurity. In the same way, on the outside you seem righteous to people, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness."

19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commands and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever does and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

► Followers of Jesus should both teach and apply God's word - that is a sign of greatness!

20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.



“This is an enormous statement. It would have shocked Jesus’ listeners, because the scribes and Pharisees were considered the ultimate example of righteousness.

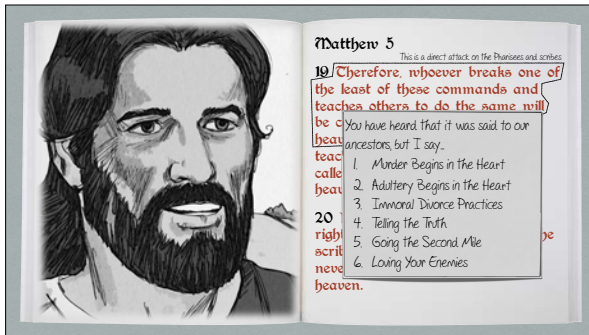
To the Jewish listener, Jesus’ statement meant that no one could enter heaven.

To the average person trying to eke out a living, the Pharisees were the truly holy people. Jesus claimed that even they were not good enough!

No amount of lawkeeping was good enough because the problem is the human heart.

Jesus went on to illustrate how bankrupt their understanding of the law was by making comparison after comparison.”

- S. K. Weber



Jesus will then explain the heart of the Law which the teachers of His day ignored.

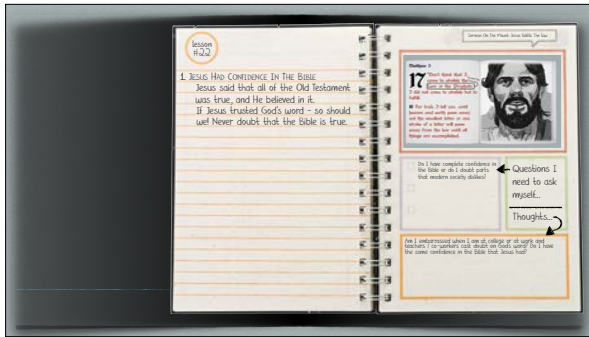
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We will look at the first three of these

He will teach the people about inner motives and being pure in heart - not simply obeying rules...

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- () Adultery Begins in the Heart
- () Immoral Divorce Practices
- () Telling the Truth
- () Going the Second Mile
- () Loving Your Enemies



Now let's look at what we can learn from this passage

() 1. Jesus Had Confidence In The Bible

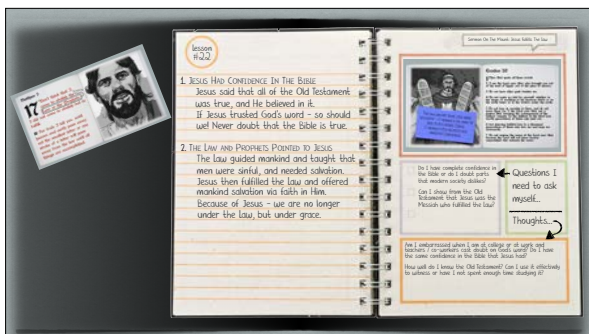
- () Jesus said that all of the Old Testament was true, and He believed in it.
- () If Jesus trusted God's word - so should we! Never doubt that the Bible is true.

() Questions I need to ask myself...

Do I have complete confidence in the Bible or do I doubt parts that modern society dislikes?

() Thoughts...

Am I embarrassed when I am at college or at work and teachers / co-workers cast doubt on God's word? Do I have the same confidence in the Bible that Jesus had?



() 2. The Law and Prophets Pointed to Jesus

- () The Law guided mankind and taught that men were sinful, and needed salvation.
- () Jesus then fulfilled the Law and offered mankind salvation via faith in Him.

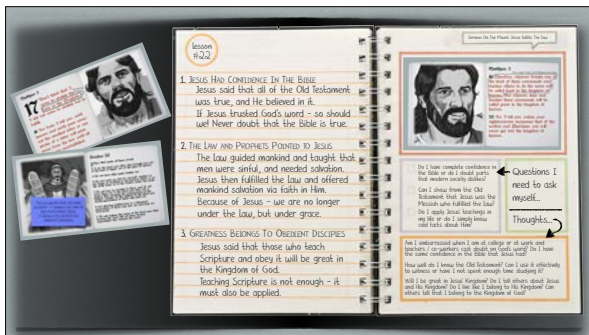
Because of Jesus - we are no longer under the Law, but under grace.

Questions I need to ask myself...

Can I show from the Old Testament that Jesus was the Messiah who fulfilled the Law?

Thoughts...

How well do I know the Old Testament? Can I use it effectively to witness or have I not spent enough time studying it?



3. Greatness Belongs To Obedient Disciples

Jesus said that those who teach Scripture and obey it will be great in the Kingdom of God.

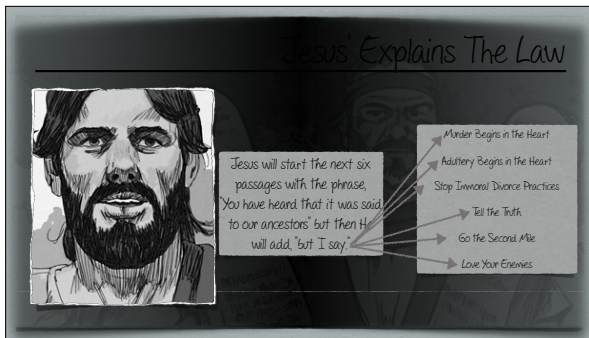
Teaching Scripture is not enough - it must also be applied.

Questions I need to ask myself...

Do I apply Jesus' teachings in my life or do I simply know cold facts about Him?

Thoughts...

Will I be great in Jesus' Kingdom? Do I tell others about Jesus and His Kingdom? Do I live like I belong to His Kingdom? Can others tell that I belong to the Kingdom of God?



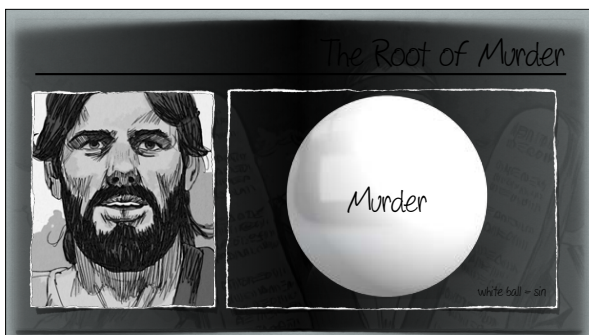
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Let me illustrate this

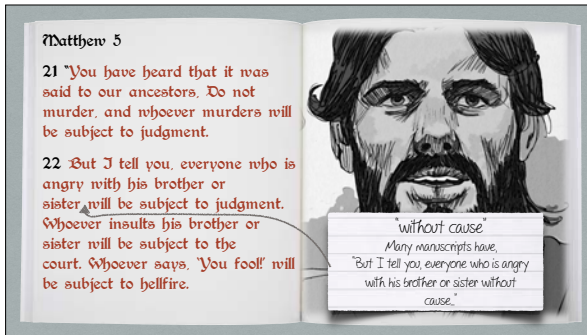
This white ball represents sin.

Murder is clearly a sin

Murder is killing someone who is made in God’s image - and it is clearly not loving our neighbor as ourself.

We all know that murder is sin - but what is the root of murder?

() Unrighteous Anger is the root of murder



21 “You have heard that it was said to our ancestors, Do not murder, and whoever murders will be subject to judgment.

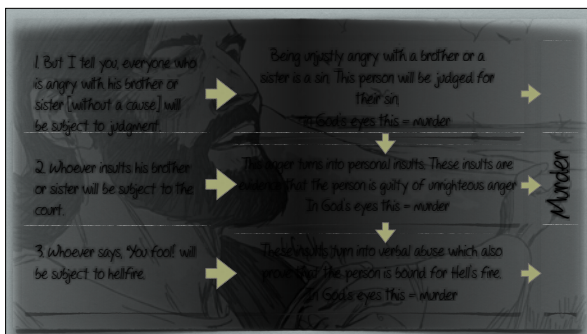
► So as we saw and all agree on - murder is a sin. But now Jesus will expose the root of murder - unrighteous anger

22 But I tell you, everyone who is angry with his brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Whoever insults his brother or sister will be subject to the court. Whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be subject to hellfire.

► () Many manuscripts have the words without cause

► This passage would read, **“But I tell you, everyone who is angry with his brother or sister without cause...”**

► Notice the progression of this passage.



1. But I tell you, everyone who is angry with his brother or sister [without a cause] will be subject to judgment.

► () Being unjustly angry with a brother or a sister is a sin. This person will be judged for their sin.

► () in God's eyes this = murder

2. Whoever insults his brother or sister will be subject to the court.

▶ () This anger turns into personal insults. These insults are evidence that the person is guilty of unrighteous anger

▶ () In God's eyes this = murder

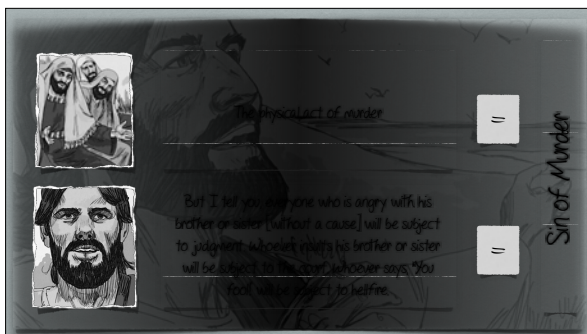
3. Whoever says, 'You fool!' will be subject to hellfire.

▶ () These insults turn into verbal abuse which also prove that the person is bound for Hell's fire.

▶ () In God's eyes this = murder

() All of these are the same as murder in God's eyes

() As a side note - notice how each level escalates until it leads to act of murder.



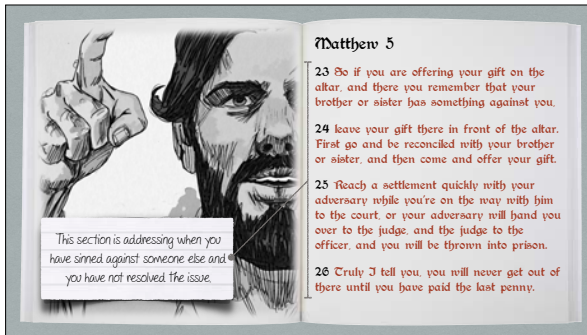
The teachers simply addressed the physical act of murder and missed its root cause - they ignored its core.

▶ They said, Do not murder (the physical act of killing someone) or you will be punished

Jesus addressed the root of the issue

▶ Do not have unjust anger for it is the same in God's eyes as murder and

you will be punished.



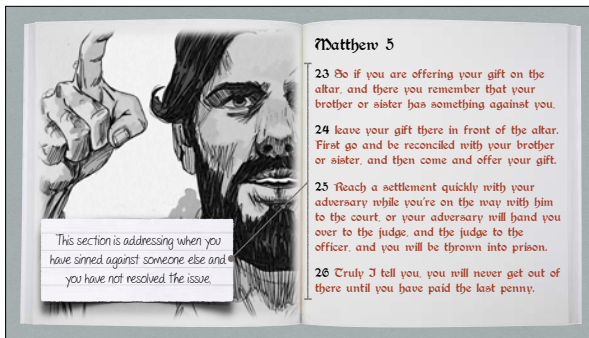
- ▶ Jesus then gives practical advice for those living in the Kingdom of God.
- ▶ () This section is addressing when you have sinned against someone else and you have not resolved the issue.

23 So if you are offering your gift on the altar, and there you remember that your brother or sister has something against you,

24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled with your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

- ▶ This illustration is simple to understand.
- ▶ You have just gone to the Temple to give your sacrifice and then you remember that you have not resolved an issue with a brother or sister - you are the one at fault.
- ▶ So you leave the ceremonially sacrifice, and you go and rectify your offense. After dealing with the root of the issue - you can return and give your sacrifice.

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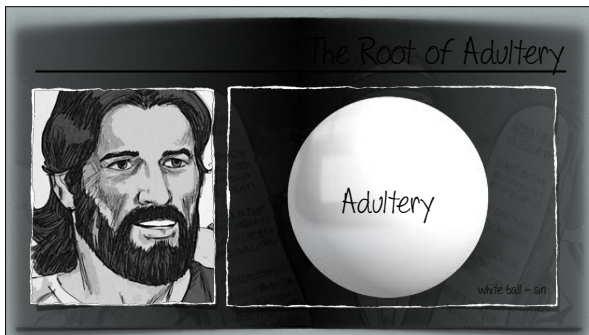


▶ Jesus then gives another illustration.

25 Reach a settlement quickly with your adversary while you're on the way with him to the court, or your adversary will hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison.

26 Truly I tell you, you will never get out of there until you have paid the last penny.

- ▶ In this illustration you have done something wrong and you will be punished.
- ▶ It is best to meet with the person you have offended and settle the matter quickly.
- ▶ Do not wait to seek forgiveness - act quickly before it is too late.

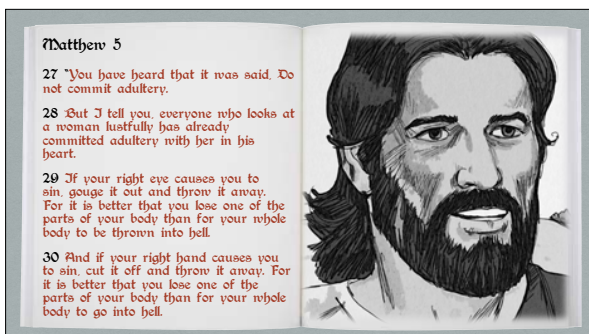


Adultery is a sin

Adultery is making love to someone who is not your spouse

We all know that Adultery is sin - but what is the root of it?

() Lust is the root of murder



27 "You have heard that it was said, Do not commit adultery.

28 But I tell you, everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

29 If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of the parts of your body than for your

whole body to be thrown into hell.

30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of the parts of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

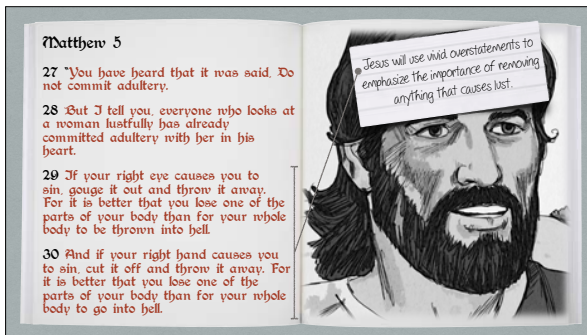


The teachers simply addressed the physical act of adultery and missed its root cause - they ignored its core.

▶ They simply said, Do not commit adultery.

Jesus addressed the root of the issue

▶ Everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.



▶ Jesus then gives practical advice for those in the Kingdom of God who struggle with lust.

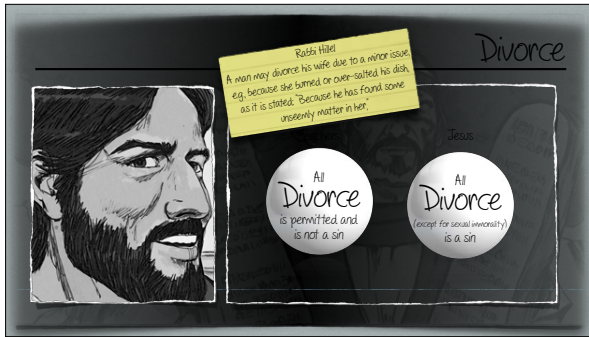
▶ () Jesus will use vivid overstatements to emphasize the importance of removing anything that causes lust.

▶ After all, lust starts in the mind

29 If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of the parts of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

What steps have you take to remove lust from your mind? Jesus is saying to do whatever it takes!

30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of the parts of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

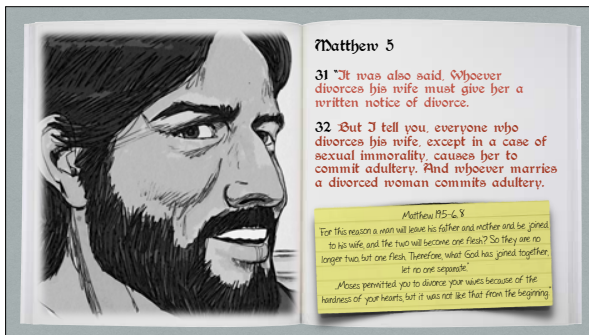


The issue of divorce was different from the other issues Jesus had dealt with

- ▶ Many teachers taught that divorce was not a sin - and all husbands were justified in simply writing a certificate of divorce for any reason and ending the marriage.

- ▶ In Jesus day, many followed the teachings of Rabbi Hillel (Mishnah Gittin 9:10) who said,
- ▶ (🗨️) A man may divorce his wife due to a minor issue, e.g., because she burned or over-salted his dish, as it is stated: “Because he has found some unseemly matter in her,”

- ▶ Jesus will say that divorce - except for cases where there is sexual immorality - is a sin.



31 “It was also said, Whoever divorces his wife must give her a written notice of divorce.

- ▶ Divorce was allowed but God hates it. Jesus would later say,

- ▶ (🗨️) **Matthew 19:5-6,8**

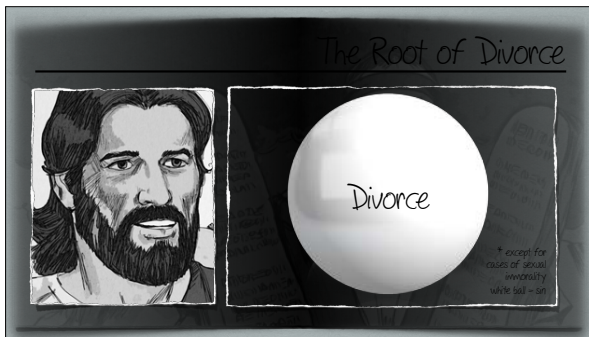
- ▶ **“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.”**
- ▶ **...Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because of the hardness of your hearts, but it was not like that from the beginning.”**

Jesus says,

32 But I tell you, everyone who divorces his wife, except in a case of

sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

- ▶ Jesus says the only way a man can divorce his wife is if she is sexually unfaithful to Him - that is the only grounds.
- ▶ If people divorce for any other reason - in God's eyes they are still married
 - ▶ so if they are still married in God's eyes and then marry someone else they have committed adultery.

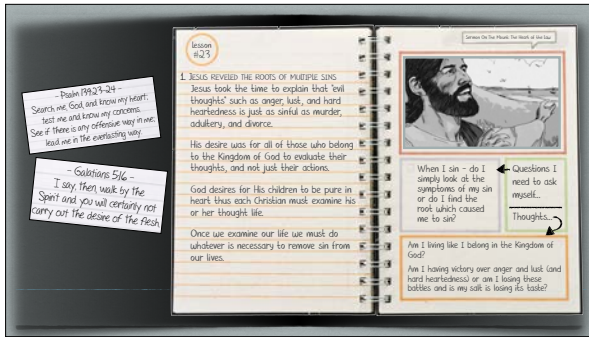


Divorce *except for cases of sexual immorality is a sin
What is the root of it?

() According to Jesus - it is a hard heart



We have only looked at a portion of the sermon on the Mt. It is such a powerful passage for all of those who live in the Kingdom of God



() Jesus revealed the roots of multiple sins

- () Jesus took the time to explain that “evil thoughts” such as anger, lust, and hard heartedness is just as sinful as murder, adultery, and divorce.
- () His desire was for all of those who belong to the Kingdom of God to evaluate their thoughts, and not just their actions.
- () God desires for His children to be pure in heart thus each Christian must examine his or her thought life.

() Psalm 139:23-24:

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way.

- () Once we examine our life we must do whatever is necessary to remove sin from our lives.

Question I need to ask myself

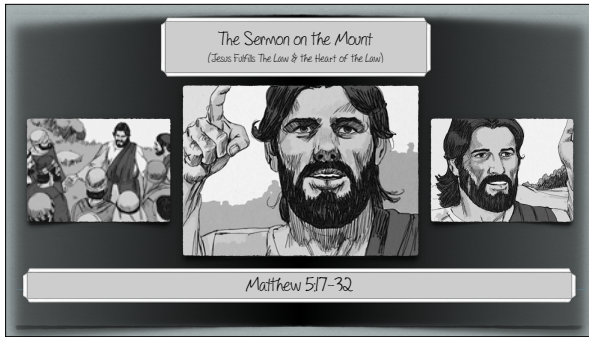
- () When I sin - do I simply look at the symptoms of my sin or do I find the root which caused me to sin?

Thoughts

- () Am I living like I belong in the Kingdom of God.?
- () Am I having victory over anger and lust (and hard heartedness) or am I losing these battles and is my salt is losing its taste?

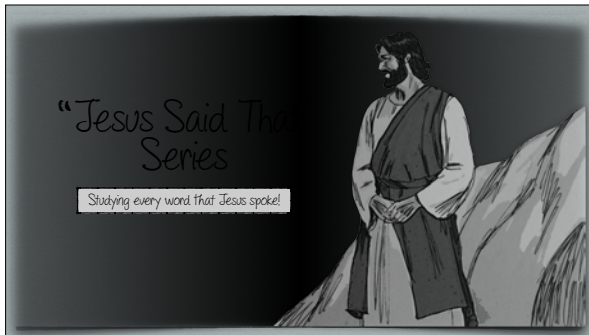
() Galatians 5:16 -

I say, then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh.



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