## Matthew 5:21-48 – The Real Intent of the Law

- Cycle #1 vv.21-26 The law regarding murder.
  We can have anger and murder in our hearts.
- Cycle #2 vv.27-30 The law regarding adultery.
  We can commit adultery in our hearts.
- Cycle #3 vv.31-32 The law regarding divorce.
  We can only divorce in one case.
- Cycle #4 vv.33-37 The law regarding oaths.
  We are only to tell the truth.
- Cycle #5 vv.38-42 The law regarding revenge.
  We are not to take revenge.
- Cycle #6 vv.43-48 The law regarding love. We are to love even our enemies.

## **NOTE**: Each of these cycles began with:

- 1. "You have heard that it was said...", v.31 is a little different.
- 2. "But I say to you..."