Series: Sermon on the Mount January 21, 2023

JESUS on MURDER AND ANGER

Matthew 5.21-26

Central Idea: God's kingdom servants live by an internal supernatural righteousness that goes beyond the letter of the law or religious showiness.

The Structure of Jesus' Sermon

- 5.3-16 ... introduction to entire sermon (the qualities of a kingdom servant and his/her impact on the world)
- 5.17-20 ... main point of the sermon
- 5.21-49 ... six examples contrasting outward (false) righteousness and inward (true) righteousness

Jesus on Murder and Anger (21-22)

When Anger Destroys Relationships (23-26)

Worship isn't as important as reconciliation with a friend.

Settle conflicts before they go to court.

Now What?

- 1. Seek to understand and apply the heart intention of God's instructions and not merely the letter of it.
- 2. Question: Am I an angry person?
- 3. When you are angry, deal with it without delay.

Questions for Personal Reflection or Group Discussion

- 1. It seems our world is filled with anger and hatred everywhere we look. Share some examples. How do you personally experience this on a daily basis?
- 2. Where else do we tend to follow the letter of the law rather than concern ourselves with the heart intention of God's instructions?
- 3. Why do you suppose Jesus is concerned not just with the outward display of righteousness but with the heart attitude of His disciples?
- 4. Why are we prone toward external conformity?
- 5. What's the difference between unrighteous and righteous anger? (Consider Ps 4.4; Ps 139.19-24; Mt 21.12-19, 23.17; Mk 3.1-5; Eph 4.26-27)

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