

Sermon Notes
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A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

TEXT: Matthew 5:17-48

INTRODUCTION

I. Jesus' Relationship to the Law, verses 17-20

- A. Jesus came to fulfill the Law, verse 17.
- B. Jesus confirmed the authority of the Law, verse 18.
- C. Jesus characterized the importance of keeping and teaching the Law, verse 19.
- D. Jesus contrasted the righteousness needed to enter the kingdom of heaven with that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law, verse 20.

II. Jesus' Relationship of Murder to Anger, verses 21-26

General: Note the pattern in the next section. (a) Jesus cites an OT passage with the expression, "You have heard it was said..." (divine passive referring to God), commonly used to introduce biblical quotations in rabbinic literature (b) Jesus cites a current popular or traditional practice of the OT passage He has quoted...the people are applying the Law in a faulty way, (c) Jesus gives an authoritative pronouncement that goes to the intended meaning and application, "But I say..."

- A. The Old Testament Law
- B. What Jesus said...

III. Jesus' Relationship of Adultery to Lust, verses 27-30

- A. The Old Testament Law
- B. What Jesus said...

IV. Jesus Relationship of Divorce Regulations to Divorce Results, verse 31, 32

- A. The Old Testament Law
- B. What Jesus said...

V. Jesus' Relationship of Oaths to Keeping One's Word, verses 33-37

- A. The Old Testament Law
- B. What Jesus said...

VI. Jesus' Relationship of "An Eye for an Eye" to going the Extra Mile, verse 38-42

- A. The Old Testament Law
- B. What Jesus said...

VII. Jesus' Relationship of Hating Your Enemies to Loving Your Enemies, verses 43-47.

- A. The Old Testament Law
- B. What Jesus said...

VIII. Jesus' Relationship to Us—the Only Way to be "Perfect", verse 48.

- A. What does "Perfect" mean"?
- B. How can we be "Perfect"?