

Righteousness #1: Murder Explained

Matthew 5:21-26

I. RELIGION: "you have heard" (v.21)

A. Ancients: "were told"

B. Announcements: "you shall not"

1. Law: "murder"
2. Liability: "court"

II. RELATIONSHIP: "I say to you" (v.22)

A. Limits: "But I say"

B. Liability: "shall be guilty"

1. Hatred: "who is angry" (*vengeful/holding a grudge*)
2. Mockery: "shall say...Raca" (*hateful/bitter contempt*)
3. Slander: "shall say...you fool" (*worthless/irredeemable*)

III. RIGHTEOUSNESS: "if therefore" (vv.23-26)

A. Remember: "presenting your offering" (v.23)

1. Practice: "at the altar"
2. Priority: "your brother has something against you"

B. Respond: "be reconciled" (v.24)

1. Priority: "be reconciled to your brother"
2. Practice: "then...present your offering"

C. Reason: "in order that" (vv.25-26)

1. Attitude: "make friends quickly" (v.25)
2. Accountability: "until...the last cent" (v.26)

Next Week: "Righteousness #2: Adultery Explained"

Read: Matthew 5:27-32