

I Say Unto You 1: Murder (Matthew 5:21-26)

Introduction: The first of six illustrations of an exceeding righteousness

antithesis or hyper-thesis?
six social commands (others-centered)
three-point formula (for three points of the exegesis)
text and context – the law demand but Christ fulfills

1. *You have heard it said* (v. 21)
Where? When?
2. *But I say unto you* (v. 22)
Authoritative, royal, eternal words

But ... Is Jesus against the command?

Anger – a simmering inward anger as opposed to outburst
Dismissive careless insults
Verbal contempt – “stupid idiot”

The consequence is eternal judgment in hell
Be careful not to excuse, justify or lighten this sin
Instead let this sin be a goad to the Gospel

3. Two unexpected applications (v. 23-26)
 - A. Has my sin angered my brother?
First be reconciled, then come and worship
 - B. How can I make amends with my enemy?

Concluding points:

How can I know if I am an angry person?

Carefully watch your words using the *five gateways of speech*

1. Is it true?
2. Is it necessary?
3. Is it kind?
4. Is it the right time?
5. Is it loving?

What this text teaches us about God and our self

Ephesians 4:29-31