

Ten Commandments (Part 48)  
(The Sixth Commandment – Part 7)

V. Jesus' Application of the 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment (Matt. 5:21-26)

A. Jesus sees the obligations of the 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment extending to thoughts and words as well as outward actions (vs. 21, 22).

B. Jesus makes application of the 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment to public worship (Matt. 5:23, 24).

C. Jesus makes application of the 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment to Legal Disputes (Matt. 5:25, 26) .

Professor John Murray (POC p. 166): *“The principle that undergirds the 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment is the preservation of life. Our Lord shows the endless ramifications of that principle and pushes His analysis to the source and fountain of its preservation and violation. The spring of its preservation is the agreement of love. The root of its violation is the rudimentary feeling of unholy enmity. The teaching of our Lord is to the effect that the 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment brings within its purview the enmity of the heart and all unnecessary and unholy disputes which fan the embers of animosity.”*

Practical Lessons

- 1) The 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment calls us to live in peace with everyone as far as it is possible.
- 2) There is forgiveness with God for all breaches in relationships with others.
- 3) Our relationship to God is the priority concern.