



SERMON NOTES

WALKING AMONG THE DEAD - PART VIII

A Study of Matthew 5

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2 Corinthians 3:6 (TLB)

⁶ He is the one who has helped us tell others about his new agreement to save them. We do not tell them that they must obey every law of God or die; but we tell them there is life for them from the Holy Spirit. The old way, trying to be saved by keeping the Ten Commandments, ends in death; in the new way, the Holy Spirit gives them life.

ADULTERY

Matthew 5:27-28 (NLT)

²⁷ “You have heard the commandment that says, ‘You must not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

FREEDOM

Matthew 5:29-30 (NLT)

²⁹ So if your eye—even your good eye—causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your hand—even your stronger hand—causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

Romans 13:14—But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.

Psalms 101:3—I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

Job 31:1—I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

In this section there is an ATTITUDE that Jesus talks about. An ADJUSTMENT that is made, and an ACTION that must be taken.

MARRIAGE

Matthew 5:31-32 (NLT)

³¹ “You have heard the law that says, ‘A man can divorce his wife by merely giving her a written notice of divorce.’ ³² But I say that a man who divorces his wife, unless she has been unfaithful, causes her to commit adultery. And anyone who marries a divorced woman also commits adultery.

The word “unfaithful” is the Greek word porneia and it does not refer to adultery here. If adultery was intended in the passage, the Greek word moicheia would have been used. In Jewish culture, adultery was not settled by a divorce. The adulterer was stoned to death.

A. The word porneia refers to unfaithfulness during the Jewish engagement period. Ex. Matthew 1 Joseph and Mary.

B. The word porneia in Jewish society also referred to incestuous marriages. See Leviticus 18:6-18; 1 Cor. 5:1

C. The word porneia in Jewish culture referred also to homosexual marriages. Leviticus 18:22—Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.
See Romans 1:28,29.

COMMUNICATION

Matthew 5:33-37 (NLT)

³³ “You have also heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not break your vows; you must carry out the vows you make to the LORD.’ ³⁴ But I say, do not make any vows! Do not say, ‘By heaven!’ because heaven is God’s throne. ³⁵ And do not say, ‘By the earth!’ because the earth is his footstool. And do not say, ‘By Jerusalem!’ for Jerusalem is the city of the great King. ³⁶ Do not even say, ‘By my head!’ for you can’t turn one hair white or black.

³⁷ Just say a simple, ‘Yes, I will,’ or ‘No, I won’t.’ Anything beyond this is from the evil one.

Our Communication Should Include the Following

- 1. Our communication should be the simple and sincere.**
- 2. Exaggerations should be avoided.**
- 3. We don’t swear.**
- 4. Your word should be your bond.**

REVENGE

Matthew 5:38-40 (NLT)

³⁸ “You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’

³⁹ But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also. ⁴⁰ If you are sued in court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too.

Human vengeance is never satisfied with justice; it wants a pound of flesh for an ounce of offense.

Matthew 5:41-42 (NLT)

⁴¹ If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles. ⁴² Give to those who ask, and don’t turn away from those who want to borrow.

What this text says is to be willing to do the extra work without complaining. The focus is not on effort, though that is important. It is on our ATTITUDE.

ENEMIES

Matthew 5:43-48 (NLT)

⁴³ “You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. ⁴⁴ But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!

There is nothing in Scripture that allows us to hate our enemies.

⁴⁵ In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. ⁴⁶ If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. ⁴⁷ If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that. ⁴⁸ But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.