

# This is What Gospel People Do

Sermon on the Mount Series – Part 6

Scripture text – Matthew 5:20, 21-26

## Introduction

- Jesus had just explained the \_\_\_\_\_ of the moral law; now comes a real \_\_\_\_\_.
- The bombshell is that, in order to get into heaven, our righteousness needs to far \_\_\_\_\_ that of the people we perceive as most righteous.
- Instead of talking about \_\_\_\_\_ at this point, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ on his teaching about the law of God.
- He accuses the Pharisees of \_\_\_\_\_ the law to make it easier to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus wants to set the record straight:
  - 1) To \_\_\_\_\_ the righteousness of his Father;
  - 2) To further undermine the notion that a person can be in right standing with God through their own \_\_\_\_\_; and
  - 3) To declare himself *the* \_\_\_\_\_ on the matter of the requirements & ways of God.
- The next section of the sermon (5:21-48) is called the \_\_\_\_\_ section.

## Antithesis #1 – Murder

- The Pharisees had reduced sin to an \_\_\_\_\_ action that was relatively easy to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus corrected their teaching by saying that being \_\_\_\_\_ with someone is \_\_\_\_\_ to murder and makes a person \_\_\_\_\_ to the same punishment.

## Three Principles

- 1) God expects us to observe not just the \_\_\_\_\_ of the law, but its \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The spirit of the prohibition of murder is that we not cause \_\_\_\_\_ to others.
  - John Stott: “*Anger and insults are ugly symptoms of a desire to get \_\_\_\_\_ of somebody who stands in your \_\_\_\_\_ and thus is tantamount to murder.*”

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- 2) It's not only our \_\_\_\_\_ that matter to God, but also our \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sin begins & resides in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) The purpose of the law is not only \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_.
- In the case of anger toward another person, we are to \_\_\_\_\_ the matter \_\_\_\_\_.

### Struggling with Anger

- Two breakthroughs:
  - 1) "I am \_\_\_\_\_."
  - 2) "I need a power \_\_\_\_\_ than myself." That power is the \_\_\_\_\_.
- By all means, take simple, \_\_\_\_\_ steps to prevent or mitigate some of the worst or most harmful effects of anger.
- However, the real power comes through a \_\_\_\_\_, ever-deepening relationship with \_\_\_\_\_.
- Nothing illustrates the gospel and the power of the gospel like responding to anger toward another person with \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ . This is what gospel people do.

### Family Discussion Questions

- 1) How is our family affected by anger?
- 2) Who is somebody we are angry with? What are we prepared to do about it?

### Who's Who in Today's Message

John Stott (1921-2011) – an English Anglican priest who was a leader of the worldwide evangelical movement. His commentaries on various books of the Bible are exceptional.