

- I. **Your righteousness must exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees.** (Matthew 5:20)

- II. **There is no place for anger in the life of a disciple of Jesus.**
 - A. The judgment for murder: death. (Genesis 4:10; 9:6; Exodus 20:13; 21:14)
 - B. The root of murder is anger. (Genesis 4:4-7)
 - C. All of Scripture speaks against anger. (Romans 12:19; see Deuteronomy 32:35; Psalm 4:4; Proverbs 16:32; 22:24-25; Ecclesiastes 7:9; James 1:19-20; 4:11; Ephesians 4:26-27, 31-32)
 - D. Not just murder but *anger* will be judged by God. (Matthew 23:15, 33)

- III. **Faithfulness in other areas won't cover this kind of sin.**
 - A. On your way to the altar? This is more important. (1 Kings 2:5-6, 28-35; 1 Samuel 15:22)
 - B. Why do we have such a hard time letting go of anger? (Matthew 6:12; Acts 17:31; Revelation 1:12-16; Daniel 7:9-10)
 - C. Fix the mess you made with your angry words!

- IV. **What do I do with this anger?**
 - A. Choose forgiveness. (Ephesians 4:32)
 - B. Courageously deal with the situation. (Revelation 21:8; 2 Chronicles 15:7)
 - C. Look to God's justice. (Psalm 37:1-9)