
Last week, in the Sermon on the Mount, we began the FIRST of those (6) lessons from our Lord in which, He gave a true exposition of the law in direct contrast with the false teaching of the scribes and Pharisees.

Last week, (V21), the Lord corrected what the people had been taught in regard to the 6th Commandment, thou shalt not kill or murder. The scribes and Pharisees taught the people if they killed a man, they would be in danger of the judgment. Think about it, if that's ALL that was meant by the 6th Commandment, most of humans could rest easy and say, I have kept this commandment. But the commandment goes FAR DEEPER than the outward act!

And yet, sadly, this is a SNAPSHOT of what many professing Christians believe; as long as you don't ACTUALLY commit murder, you are good to go! God will accept YOUR righteousness. But that is a righteousness that will not do; and most importantly, a righteousness that God will not accept!

Jesus went far deeper than the outward act of sin; He taught the spirit and true intent of the commandment, in that, if you became full of anger and malice against your brother, you've already killed him in your mind. Jesus even addressed slanderous words that often come out of our wicked hearts toward others when we are sinfully angry! Psalm 51:14

Don't forget what Jesus said: (V17-20), Romans 10:9-10

Jesus taught the people, and He is teaching us what true righteousness looks like in a Christian. (TEXT V27-32)

This then, is the 2nd Ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time

Sin, in the minds of the people, was ONLY the external act of adultery. They had learned NOTHING (from the scribes and Pharisees) about the darkness, corruption, and wickedness that was in their own hearts, and that the very thought of sin was sin.

They had reduced sin to ONLY the external act, while their calloused and hard hearts would not allow them to see that EVERY sin is first committed in the heart/mind where it is FIRST conceived, embraced, and planned; and then acted out.

James 1:14-15: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. (We are about to talk about LUST). Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished bringeth forth death

Once again, the Lord Jesus reveals to us the deeper meaning of the law, and that it's more than just what you READ on the surface, and far worse than a single outward act of disobedience!

When sin is entertained/dwelled upon in our hearts and minds, it is an OVERT act of disobedience/rebellion against God; even if that sin was never actually

committed.

Do you remember in John 8, what the Pharisees said to Jesus, when they brought the woman whom they accused of adultery to the temple, and set her before Jesus? Do you remember what they said? John 8:4-6

Just a side note: When Jesus stooped and wrote on the ground, it was as if He was telling them, I WROTE the law which you cite, and the commandment by which you accuse this woman.

Exodus 31:18, Deuteronomy 9:10, Luke 11:20.

The point here: All the scribes and Pharisees were concerned about was THE ACT of adultery, they could care less about the sins in their own hearts, until Jesus awakened their consciences with His Word.

The Lord Jesus' exposition of the 7th Commandment: Thou shalt not commit adultery

But I say unto you; just because you have not committed the Actual Act of adultery, don't THINK within yourselves that you are innocent. If you've looked upon a woman with lust in your heart, you have already committed adultery with her! Remember this truth in regard to your sin:

The LORD seeth NOT as man seeth; man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart.

Matthew 15:18-19, Jeremiah 17:9-10

God sees our sins as MUCH DEEPER than the outward act; He sees our sins where/when they originate, in our hearts. If you and I would truly be saved from our sins, we need to see sin the way God sees it!

That is WHY it is imperative that we take drastic action against the sins in our hearts and minds (at the moment when the thought of sin first arises in our mind)! In that instant, we must immediately KILL those sinful thoughts out of our minds, which, IF WE DO, THIS will prevent us from committing the outward act of sin, which was already being entertained in our minds.

That is WHY it is so important Christian, to constantly be filling your mind and heart with God's cleansing/sanctifying truth!

Psalm 19:7-13, 119:9-11, Proverbs 2:10-20, Colossians 3:16

LISTEN, if we put away sin out of our hearts/minds, we won't sin with our eyes, hands, and feet. 2 Samuel 11:1-5, (Cp. Exodus 20:17), Romans 7:7-8.

(V29-30): The Lord goes yet deeper in teaching us how dangerous sin is to our souls!

Sin is far worse than outward disobedience to the command of God; here, the sin of adultery is far worse than the act of adultery!

2 Peter 2:14, Proverbs 6:25

Sin is killing every one of us, we are all sick terminally; we are all going to die because we've sinned against God!

Genesis 2:17, Romans 6:23

In dying you shall die; you will lose the life of God within, and your body will begin to die.

Sin is a disease that affects the entire soul; if not dealt with, will lead to the eternal damnation of the soul!

Listen, if you go to the doctor because you've been having pain in one of your eyes, and the doctor examines your eye and tells you that THAT eye is diseased, and the disease of your eye is so bad that, IF that diseased eye is not removed from your body, your whole body will become infected by it, and that infection/that disease will kill you. As precious as your eye is; you would tell the doctor (don't delay) remove my diseased eye.

To those who might believe that Jesus is commanding us to ACTUALLY amputate that part of our body that causes us to sin; to pluck out your right eye, cut off your right hand, or cut off your right foot; think about this; if you LOOK upon a woman with lust in your heart, is removing your right eye gonna stop that lust?

Your eye isn't the problem, your heart is!

Jesus is teaching us that you cannot be a child of the Kingdom of Christ and allow the terminal disease of sin to continue in your life; that is NOT the life of the Christian. Christ is teaching that we MUST violently cut sin out of our lives at first sight of it! (Sins of your EYES, HANDS, FEET)

Proverbs 4:23-27: Don't put yourself in a position in which you are going to be tempted to sin! Don't go there!

Listen, if we don't take drastic action to CUT SIN out of our lives and from within our hearts, minds, and thoughts; our sins will be the cause of not only our physical death, but we will be cast into hell.

Romans 8:5-13, Ephesians 4:22, Colossians 3:5

We must shut sin out of our senses; the first one; sight! Don't let it enter in through the EYE-GATE! If your right eye causes you to offend or stumble, DENY to your EYES the sight of those things that would cause you to sin. Like David, that is a case in which, his heart should've plucked out his eyes of lust!

And so on, with your hands/feet!

The ONLY way the sins of our hearts can truly be dealt with is; we need NEW hearts:

God must change our hearts, THAT happens in the new birth!

John 3:3, 16-21, Romans 10:9-10