

The Gospel of Matthew #44

Sermon on the Mount: Six Examples of the Right Use of the Law:

2. Adultery & Lust

THE BEAST WITHIN

Matthew 5:27-30

Mirrors: review anger. Next mirror: lust

Five observations

I. Again: we focus on _____; Jesus focuses on the _____

Teachers restricted 7th command to the act

Jesus shows it addresses the heart

II. Our sins here affect where our _____ spends eternity

Bodies go somewhere for eternity; not annihilated

Hell is so terrible that you would gouge out your eye or chop off your hand to avoid it

III. You must address lust with _____ urgency

Gouge out your eye and throw it away!

Chop off your hand and throw it away! (cf. 18:8-9)

Do not minimize, rationalize, procrastinate, be timid or hesitant!

Whatever is causing you to lust must go

Even good things

IV. What does this mean? Two Scriptures that explain:

A. Romans 13:14

13:12-14

Clothe yourself with Christ (cf. Col 3:12)

Lit: "and of the flesh [sinful nature] give no forethought for its lusts,"

i.e. make no _____ for its lusts

Destroy them: videos, magazines, pictures, websites, rationalizing “innocent relationships” beyond appropriate boundaries

Job 31:1;

Psm 101:3a

B. Romans 8:13

Cf. James 1:13-15

Only way to put to *death* the misdeeds of the body is by the Spirit (cf v9). His power in you shows you that you are on the path to Life.

Lust is the warning light on the dashboard that things are out of control. You cannot solve it on your own.

Jesus here takes us to despair of our own resources, so we will look to Him.

With Him we are able to overcome the demon of lust in the context of His Body.

Take advantage of E53: Gospel healing in community

V. This word also addresses women

A. It is a word of _____

Foolish to restrict to married men!

Women: you know the difference between dressing to look attractive versus seductive.

B. It is a word of _____

Jesus is concerned for men to be your protectors, not your predators. He is your Refuge from abuses past as well as present.