

KINGDOM LIFE

OUTRAGEOUS HOPE
FOR ORDINARY LIFE

A WORSHIP SERIES THROUGH
JESUS' SERMON ON THE MOUNT



“You have heard that it was said...but I say to you”

Matthew 5:21 – 48

Higher Righteousness

*“You have heard that it was said...
but I say to you...”*

- Murder
- Adultery / Divorce
- Swearing
- Retaliation
- Love

Jesus is correcting their false interpretation of God’s Law, which:

- 1) Made The Law about behavior
- 2) Elevated our ability
- 3) Therefore reducing our need
- 4) Reduced God’s Holiness

Matthew 5:21-26

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.²⁶ Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.



The Heart of our Anger

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How angry of a person are you?

What makes you angry?

What does your anger look like?

The issue isn't THAT we get angry (we SHOULD),
But WHAT makes us angry
And HOW it comes out



Anger is inflamed when something we love is threatened

If you want to know what you truly love,
look at what makes your truly angry.

Relational

When somebody close to me is attacked

Personal

When I am disrespected or “my rules” are broken

Societal

When culture and community break what is “right”

Spiritual

When my faith and the object of my faith are attacked



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DEEDS

WORDS

"Insults"

"Good for nothing"
I wish you didn't exist.

"Fool"

"Moron"
You are less than human

In all of these we are replacing God as un-creator of a person.



The Heart of our Anger

“So you say a man has murdered someone. Well, what was his motive? Either he desired the man’s wife or his property. Or maybe he was afraid of losing something to this man that he held dear. Or maybe he had lost something to him and now was burning to be revenged. So, let’s ask this question again.

Why does any man commit murder?

Answer. Every man who commits Murder does so because he loves something...too much.”

- St. Augustine (The Confessions)

“If we find ourselves angry about getting snubbed in social media, or being cut off in traffic, or going unrecognized for work, or having an idea shut down, or feeling underappreciated by our spouse — the problem might be that we love ourselves too much.”

- Jonathan Parnell (Desiring God)

The issue isn't that we are simply thinking ill about somebody, but that we are not loving and valuing them as image-bearers of God.

God's holiness equates non-love with murder, Unifying ALL of us in our desperate need for grace

1 John 3:15-16

Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.



Matthew 26:63-68

But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.”⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven...⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him,⁶⁸ saying, “Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”



Luke 23:33

And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Romans 5:8-9

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

God's Righteous Anger has been fully poured out on Christ, leaving him fully satisfied with us.



Halt & Catch Fire

²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Anger Inhibits Worship

I need to more fully understand how much I've been forgiven

And forgive others as an act of obedient worship



The Healing of our Anger

James 1:19-21

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

Psalm 4:4

Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

Anger is inflamed when something we love is threatened ... so it's an opportunity to:

- **Reflect**
- **Repent**
- **Re-order**