
Scripture: Matthew 5:27 - 30

Setting:

Jesus is in northern Israel, on what is now called the Mount of the Beatitudes. It is just north of the Sea of Galilee.

Many people who had been listening to the teachings of Jesus and whom he had healed from various sicknesses and diseases have followed Him to the mountain to listen once again to his teachings.

What is Jesus Teaching

The Sermon on the Mount are teachings regarding the Kingdom of God and the principles that operate in that Kingdom. He sets some of those principles in juxtaposition to how the Scribes and Pharisees have interpreted the law and the prophets.

The Law: Adultery is having a sexual relationship with someone other than your marriage partner. Jesus says if you have looked upon someone else with lust in your heart you have committed adultery.

The Scripture is bigger than just the word adultery. It is about anything that is against the HOLINESS – PURITY – and RIGHTEOUSNESS of God.

Our relationship with God is a faith response and not “I kept the rule response.”

Relationship puts the commandments in the right perspective.

The commandments of God are there for our protection and to spare us journeys of pain.

Jesus was teaching an internal submission instead of external obedience.

What about the Eye and the Hand?

As precious as an eye and a hand are, whatever is in our lives that is constantly leading us into areas that are inappropriate and impure, then get radical in your pursuit of Jesus and in your willingness to die to self.

What am I personally doing to bring my ATTITUDES – ACTIONS – and ADDICTIONS into alignment with Kingdom principles instead of allowing them to remain in the control of our cultural norms and my own personal desires?

Additional Scriptures

Colossians 3:4-5

I Thessalonians 4:3-7

Romans 8:13