

MURDER AND ANGER

Matthew 5:21-26

Main Ideas

- 1.) A Heart of Anger and Hatred is a Heart of Murder
- 2.) Jesus Followers will Make Peace with Brothers and Accusers

A Heart of Anger and Hatred is a Heart of Murder

- Sinful or Righteous Anger?
 - Am I angry because someone is offending me or am I angry because someone is offending God?

 - Whose Kingdom am I most concerned about with my anger – My own or God's?

A Heart of Anger and Hatred is a Heart of Murder

“These verses make one great point. The Old Testament law forbidding murder must not be thought adequately satisfied when no blood has been shed. Rather, the law points toward a more fundamental problem, man’s vilifying anger. Jesus by his own authority insists that the judgment thought to be reserved for the actual murder in reality hangs over the wrathful, the spiteful, the contemptuous. What man then stands uncondemned?”

- Don Carson

Where is hope for us? & How do we begin to cut out the roots of anger?

- We Have Hope in Jesus
 - 1 Peter 2:24
- Meditating on God's mercy & grace to us frees us to be merciful to others
 - Matthew 18:21-35
- Repent where sin is revealed and Ask God to lead us toward Faithfulness
 - Psalm 139:23-24
- Walk by the Spirit
 - Galatians 5:16
- Prayerfully ask God to deliver you from temptation
 - 1 Corinthians 10:13

Jesus Followers will Make Peace with Brothers and Accusers

“Jesus wants us to understand that “if it is good for us to refrain from murder and murderous attitudes, then it is also good to prevent murderous attitudes in others, if possible.”

- Dan Doriani

Jesus Followers will Make Peace with Brothers and Accusers

- As the offended, on what basis do you extend grace and mercy to the offender?
- As the offender, what empowers you to humbly go to the one you have offended and make peace?