

Sermon on the Mount – Lesson 5a – Matthew 5: 31 & 32

THEME: Righteousness in God's Kingdom

- Revelation – Jesus Christ, our righteousness
- Separation – New heart displayed in new attitudes, desires, ambitions, relationships

STRUCTURE: Five Discourses (blocks of teaching) followed by narratives

- Sermon on the Mount – Chapters 5 – 7
- The Mission – Chapter 10
- The Parables – Chapter 13
- The Church/Community – Chapter 18
- Judgment – Chapters 23 – 25

SERMON ON THE MOUNT: - living righteously as a citizen in God's Kingdom

True Righteousness in regards to:

- Torah (Law) – Chapter 5: 21 – 48
- Personal piety – Chapter 6: 1 - 18
- Daily life – Chapters 6: 19 – 7: 11

IN REGARDS TO THE LAW: Six examples

Two triads:

- Murder, Adultery, Divorce
- Oaths, Retaliation, Love

Inductive study of God's Word:

- Statement – what does it say
- Interpretation – what does it mean – “exegeses”
- Application – practice/living out truth

Deuteronomy 24: 1 – 4 Notes

Moses gave permission not a precept.

Why? Hardness of heart and Egyptian influence

- Polygamy and adultery were acceptable
- Divorce was common and a simple process
- Marriage was a contractual agreement involving items/children

Verse 1: ***“no favor in his eyes”*** – a hardness in his heart that showed no grace or kindness
a hardness in her heart to commit sexual sin

“found” – proof

“indecenty” – nudity (sexual immorality but not adultery). It was serious sin.

“writes” – not just verbal, required time, effort, witnesses, proof and provided time to reconsider and reconcile

“puts it in her hand” – properly served papers and provided for