



SERMON NOTES

WALKING AMONG THE DEAD - PART VII

A Study of Matthew 5

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SIGNIFICANCE

Matthew 5:13-16 (NLT)

13 “You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. 14 “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Colossians 4:5-6 (NKJV)

5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. 6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

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SUBSTANCE

Matthew 5:17-20 (NLT)

17 “Don’t misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose. 18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God’s law will disappear until its purpose is achieved. 19 So if you ignore the least commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But anyone who obeys God’s laws and teaches them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven. 20 “But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!

- First there is the ceremonial law, the rituals and regulations by which a person could approach God.
- Secondly, there is the civil law, which was the Hebrew Constitution.
- The third category of law is the moral law, the Ten Commandments given by God as the standard of behavior for all people, in all places and at all times.

Mark 12:28-31 (NLT)

28 One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” **29** Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. **30** And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ **31** The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”

Romans 13:9-10 (NIV)

9 The commandments, “Do not commit adultery,” “Do not murder,” “Do not steal,” “Do not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” **10** Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

SACRIFICE

Matthew 5:21-26 (NLT)

21 “You have heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.’ **22** But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell. **23** “So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, **24** leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God. **25** “When you are on the way to court with your adversary, settle your differences quickly. Otherwise, your accuser may hand you over to the judge, who will hand you over to an officer, and you will be thrown into prison. **26** And if that happens, you surely won’t be free again until you have paid the last penny.