

Matthew - "Why Jesus?"

The Sermon on the Mount

"Anger"

Matthew - "Why Jesus?"

Matthew 5:17-20

Matthew - “Why Jesus?”

Framing The Sermon:

- a) *He never gives us an out*
- b) *But He knows we cannot pull it off*

Matthew - “Why Jesus?”

Framing The Sermon: What do we do with this then?

- a) *Thru the power of Jesus’ Spirit*
- b) *Knowing He has already done it all as our substitute*
- c) *And now we respond with an overflow of that kindness*

Matthew - “Why Jesus?”

6 areas Jesus will now cover:

- 1) *Anger*
- 2) *Lust*
- 3) *Divorce (already covered)*
- 4) *Oaths*
- 5) *Retaliation*
- 6) *Loving your enemies*

Matthew - “Why Jesus?”

Matthew 5:17-20 - Purpose of this introduction

- 1) *Jesus is addressing criticism that is coming His way*
- 2) *And how the Christian life actually works*
 - a) *What He expects*
 - b) *How unable we are to pull it off*

Matthew - "Why Jesus?"

Matthew 5:17 - Purpose of this introduction

1) *Jesus is addressing criticism that is coming His way*

a) "Abolish"

Matthew - "Why Jesus?"

Matthew 5:17 - Purpose of this introduction

1) *Jesus is addressing criticism that is coming His way*

a) "Abolish"

Literal Translation of the Hebrew Reconstruction:

"Do not think that I have come to cancel the Torah [the five books of Moses] and the Prophets [the second section of the Hebrew canon]. I have not come to cancel but to sustain."

Plain English Translation of the Hebrew Reconstruction:

"Do not think that I have come to weaken the Torah and the Prophets. I have not come to weaken them but to strengthen them."

Dynamic Translation of the Hebrew Reconstruction:

"Do not suppose that I have any intention of undermining Scripture by misinterpreting it. My purpose is to establish and maintain the knowledge and observance of God's Word, not undermine it."

Matthew - “Why Jesus?”

Matthew 5:17 - Purpose of this introduction

- 1) *Jesus is addressing criticism that is coming His way*
 - a) *“Abolish”*
 - b) *Light & heavy*

"If, along the road, you chance upon a bird's nest, in any tree or on the ground, with fledglings or eggs and the mother sitting over the fledglings or on the eggs, do not take the mother together with her young. Let the mother go, and take only the young, in order that you may fare well and have a long life" (Deut. 22:6-7)

Matthew - “Why Jesus?”

Matthew 5:17-18 – Jesus is upholding Torah

- 1) *Jesus is addressing criticism that is coming His way*
 - a) *Not only is Jesus NOT canceling out Torah*
 - b) *Jesus is the One the Torah & Prophets pointed to*

Deut. 18:15 “I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. [18] I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.”

Matthew - "Why Jesus?"

Matthew 5:17-48

- 1) *Jesus is addressing criticism that is coming His way*
- 2) *Picture of the Christian life*
 - a) Vs. 21-48 He tells us what we need to do in these 6 areas
 - b) Vs. 18-20 But before that He tells us we will never pull it off
 - c) V.s 17 And before that He tells us in and thru Me you can do it

Matthew - "Why Jesus?"

Matthew 5:17

- 1) *Jesus is addressing criticism that is coming His way*
- 2) *Picture of the Christian life*
 - a) Vs. 21-48 He tells us what we need to do in these 6 areas
 - b) Vs. 18-20 But before that He tells us we will never pull it off
 - c) V.s 17 And before that He tells us in and thru Me you can do it

Again He didn't come to cancel God's Word

- *He came to both DO it as our substitute*
- *And BE everything the Torah & the Prophets pointed towards*

"I come to FULFILL it"

Matthew - "Why Jesus?"

Matthew 5:17

- 1) *Jesus is addressing criticism that is coming His way*
- 2) *Picture of the Christian life*
 - c) V.s 17 And before that He tells us in and thru Me you can do it

How do you fulfill a law?

- a) *You keep it*
- b) *Or you pay the penalty*

Matthew - "Why Jesus?"

Matthew 5:17

- 1) *Jesus is addressing criticism that is coming His way*
- 2) *Picture of the Christian life*
 - c) V.s 17 And before that He tells us in and thru Me you can do it

How do you fulfill a law?

- a) *You keep it*
- b) *Or you pay the penalty*

And what does Jesus do? He fulfills it both ways

- a) *By living the law perfectly*
- b) *By paying the penalty of our lawless lives in His death*

Matthew - "Why Jesus?"

Matthew 5:18-20

- 1) *Jesus is addressing criticism that is coming His way*
- 2) *Picture of the Christian life*
 - c) V.s 17 And before that He tells us in and thru Me you can do it
 - b) Vs. 18-20 But before that He tells us we will never pull it off

Matthew - "Why Jesus?"

Continue to hold the algorithm:

- 1) This is what He is actually asking
- 2) We cannot pull it off...on our own
- 3) He pulled it off for us as our substitute so the pressure is off
- 4) Now thru His power in humility we allow Him to work THRU US

Matthew - “Why Jesus?”

Dealing with anger: Matthew 5:21-22

- a) *If you are angry*
- b) *If you say you fool (you idiot)*
- c) *If you say RAKA to someone (you are nothing)*

Matthew - “Why Jesus?”

Issues with this passage: Matthew 5:21-22

- a) *People get mad all over the OT e.g. & God doesn't seem to have an issue*
- b) *More than that, GOD HIMSELF gets angry*
- c) *And worst Jesus Himself e.g. in Matt. 23 calls the Pharisees fools*

Matthew - “Why Jesus?”

Genesis of this kind of anger: Matthew 5:21-22

- *Arrogance – we are better than them*
- *Disdainful or Dismissive attitude = they are unworthy of consideration*

Matthew - “Why Jesus?”

Angers progression: Matthew 5:21-22

- *Arrogant Dismissive anger*
- *Which leads to thinking/saying they are FOOLS/idiots*
- *Which leads to you are NOTHING = RAKA*

Matthew - “Why Jesus?”

Angers progression: Matthew 5:21-22

Eccl. 7:9 Be not be quick in your spirit to become angry, for anger lodges in the bosom of fools.

Psalm 37:8 Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret (to kindle or allow to ruminate) not yourself; it tends only to evil.

Matthew - “Why Jesus?”

Angers progression: Matthew 5:21-22

It moves us to REACT not to ACT

- *To react in hate & arrogance & dismissiveness rather than Act in LOVE*

Matthew - “Why Jesus?”

Matthew 5:23 – What does Jesus suggest we do?

- 1) Own your life = “remember” = benefit of the doubt mindset

Matthew - “Why Jesus?”

Matthew 5:24 – What does Jesus suggest we do?

- 1) Own your life = “remember” = benefit of the doubt mindset
- 2) *Make them the priority again = “Go”*

Matthew - "Why Jesus?"

Matthew 5:23 – What does Jesus suggest we do?

- 1) Own your life = "remember" = benefit of the doubt mindset
- 2) *Make them the priority again* = "Go"
- 3) *"Be reconciled"*

Matthew - "Why Jesus?"

Closing thoughts:

- *If you see yourself accurately & know how bad we are at this*
- *AND if you KNOW what GOD has overlooked in your life...every single day*
- *And that Jesus HIMSELF overlooked His rightful anger when He allowed Himself to be hung on a cross as a substitute for us*
- *And we in brokenness fall before God in humility = accurate assessment of ourselves*
- *God will have the ability to pull off even that which is impossible*

To love well!