

Matthew - "Why Jesus?"

The Sermon on the Mount

"Lust & Oaths"

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Framing The Sermon:

- a) This is what Jesus is actually asking*
 - b) But He knows we cannot pull it off...on our own*
 - c) He pulled it off for us as our substitute so the pressure is off*
 - d) Now thru HIS power in humility we allow HIM to work thru us*
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- 1) *What has ALREADY been said*
 - 2) *What Jesus is NOW saying*
 - 3) *How to now live in reality*
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NY Times 2012 = Couples who cohabit before marriage (and especially before an engagement or an otherwise clear commitment) tend to be less satisfied with their marriages — and more likely to divorce — than couples who do not. These negative outcomes are called the cohabitation effect.

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So then what is sex inside these two scenarios?

- Covenant = sacrament = outward sign of an inward reality
 - Consumer = trying something out FOR YOU
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What Jesus is NOT saying:

- NOT about recognizing beauty – seeing someone as attractive
 - Not about sexual desire = the Bible is not negative on sexual desire
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Matthew 5:29-30a - Lust

3 sections:

- 1) *What has ALREADY been said*
- 2) *What is Jesus NOW saying*

The non-reality we are being told:

- Idolatrous = you need this to be whole
 - Covetous = for YOU, I am the goal, they are an object for ME
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Matthew 5:30b - Lust

3 sections:

- 1) *What has ALREADY been said*
 - 2) *What is Jesus NOW saying*
 - 3) *Living in reality*
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Issues with this set of statements:

- 1) The Hebrew Bible seems to have zero issue with swearing an oath
 - Ps. 50:14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High
 - 2) People AND GOD make vows all the time in the Bible
 - Gen. 14 – Abraham tells the King of Sodom his vow to God
 - Gen. 22 – Angel appears to Abraham telling him about God's vow
 - Paul calls upon God as his witness in Romans, Gal., Cor., Phil.
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Eccl. 5:5 It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay.

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Psalm 16:8 I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Psalm 16:9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

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Power behind our purity:

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Power behind our purity:

1) Set Him ever before you

2) Remember who it is that is ever before you
