

THE SERMON THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING

You Have Heard That It Was Said . . . But I Say Unto You . . .

Deuteronomy 19:21—Show no pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

Leviticus 19:18—You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Psa. 31:6—I hate those who regard vain idols, But I trust in the LORD.

Psa. 119:113— I hate those who are double-minded, But I love Your law.

Psa. 139:21—Do I not hate those who hate You, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?

Psa. 139:22—I hate them with the utmost hatred; They have become my enemies.

Eccl. 3:8—A time to love and a time to hate; A time for war and a time for peace

Exodus 32:27-29—He said to them, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Put your sword on your side, each of you! Go back and forth from gate to gate throughout the camp, and each of you kill your

John 1:17-18—The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN GOD.** It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known. (John 14:9,10; John 5:19)

Matthew 5:17—Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. [Pleroo - To fill up a deficiency.]

Matthew 5:20—For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:21,22—You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment.

Matthew 5:27-28—You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matthew 5:38-42—You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not retaliate against an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

Matthew 5:43-48—You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. [Teleios - complete and entire compared to what is partial or deficient.]

Matthew 7:12-14—So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Matthew 11:12-13—From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent are trying to do away with it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John came.

“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.”— John 14.9

*All texts quoted from the TNIV or NRSV unless otherwise noted.

brother, your friend, and your neighbor.” The sons of Levi did as Moses commanded, and about three thousand of the people fell on that day. Moses said, “Today you have ordained yourselves for the service of the LORD, each one at the cost of a son or a brother, and so have brought a blessing on yourselves this day.”

Luke 12.54-13.9—He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time? And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? Thus, when you go with your accuser before a magistrate, on the way make an effort to settle the case, or you may be dragged before the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer throw you in prison. I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny.” At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—**do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.**” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Luke 16.16—The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and people are attacking it.

Luke 17.20-21—Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, “The kingdom of God is not coming with signs that can be observed; nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There it is!’ For, in fact, the kingdom of God is NEAR YOU.”

Romans 10.6-8—But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ (that is, to bring Christ down) or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).” But what does it say? “The word is NEAR YOU, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

Deuteronomy 30.11-14—Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, “Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

1Corinthians 9.20-21—To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law) so that I might win those outside the law.

2Corinthians 3.7-8—Now if the ministry of death, chiseled in letters on stone tablets, came in glory so that the people of Israel could not gaze at Moses’ face because of the glory of his face, a glory now set aside, how much more will the ministry of the Spirit come in glory?

James 2.21—Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?

James 2.25—Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road?

Acts 2.5-6, 41—Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each . . . So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Romans 6.14—For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.