

# THE WAY OF THE KING

A STUDY OF THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

# BUT I SAY TO YOU (PART ONE)

— MATTHEW 5:21-32 —

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“The Pharisees’ righteousness was not so great. It was merely external. It focused on the ceremonial. Its man-made rules actually were unconscious attempts to reduce the demands of the Law and make it manageable. Those rules insulated them from the Law’s piercing heart demands. These men were also self-satisfied. A Pharisee could stand on a corner, look at a publican, and say, ‘I thank God I am not like that man.’ Jesus was demanding a deeper obedience. The Pharisees saw obedience quantitatively (obedience to myriad little laws), but Jesus saw it qualitatively. The righteousness that Christ demands is supremely radical. It is immeasurably higher than the rabbis’ concept of righteousness. Jesus closes this whole section by saying, ‘You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.’”

— Kent Hughes

## BEAUTIFUL MESS

“Marriage, Divorce, Singleness, and Sex” — 1 Corinthians 7

## I WISH JESUS HADN'T SAID THAT

“Don't Be Angry” — Matthew 5:21-26

“Love Your Enemies” — Luke 6:27-36

“Waging War on Sin” — Mark 9:42-50

## JESUS IS GREATER

“Jesus: The Sacrifice-Empowering Savior” — Hebrews 13



**AS A REMINDER...**

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*“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.*

*— vv 21-22*



*Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

— *Ephesians 4:31-32*

“By forbidding murder God teaches us that He hates the root of murder, such as envy, hatred, anger, and desire of revenge, and that He regards all these as murder.”

— the Heidelberg Catechism



*So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.*

— vv 23-24

*Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.*

— vv 25-26



*“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 lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.*

*— vv 27-30*

*“What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All of these things come from within, and they defile a person.”*

*— Mark 7:20-23*



*“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.*

— vv 31-32

*And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one’s wife for any cause?” He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”*

*— Matthew 19:3-6*



*They said to him, “Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?” He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.*

*— Matthew 19:7-8*

*And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.”*

*— Matthew 19:9*



*The disciples said to him, “If such is the case of a man  
with his wife, it is better not to marry.”*

*— Matthew 19:10*

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