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Matthew 5:21-26



Mat 5:13-16 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. (14) Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill **cannot** be hid. (15) Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. (16) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.



By way of review...

- Identity. Who are we?
- Ambassadors... **2Co 5:20** Now then we are ambassadors for Christ...
- Foundations... **Mat 7:24** Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock



In summary...

When stepping back and looking at the whole this is what we see.

1. 5 Regular Character Traits. 3 Ways in which we deal with things.
2. That Christ came and fulfilled the Law, changing everything.

Anger and Hatred

- **Mat 5:21** Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:
- Levitical Statute. Extended from personally killing to hiring to kill.
- Judgement- κρίσις *krisis* – Judgment opinion or decision given concerning anything especially concerning justice and injustice, right or wrong sentence of condemnation, damnable judgment, condemnation and punishment.
- Sanhedrin- Established judicial authority since 200 BC approx. Could condemn but not execute.
- Jesus reminds them of the Levitical, added law to now remind them...



It is bigger than that.



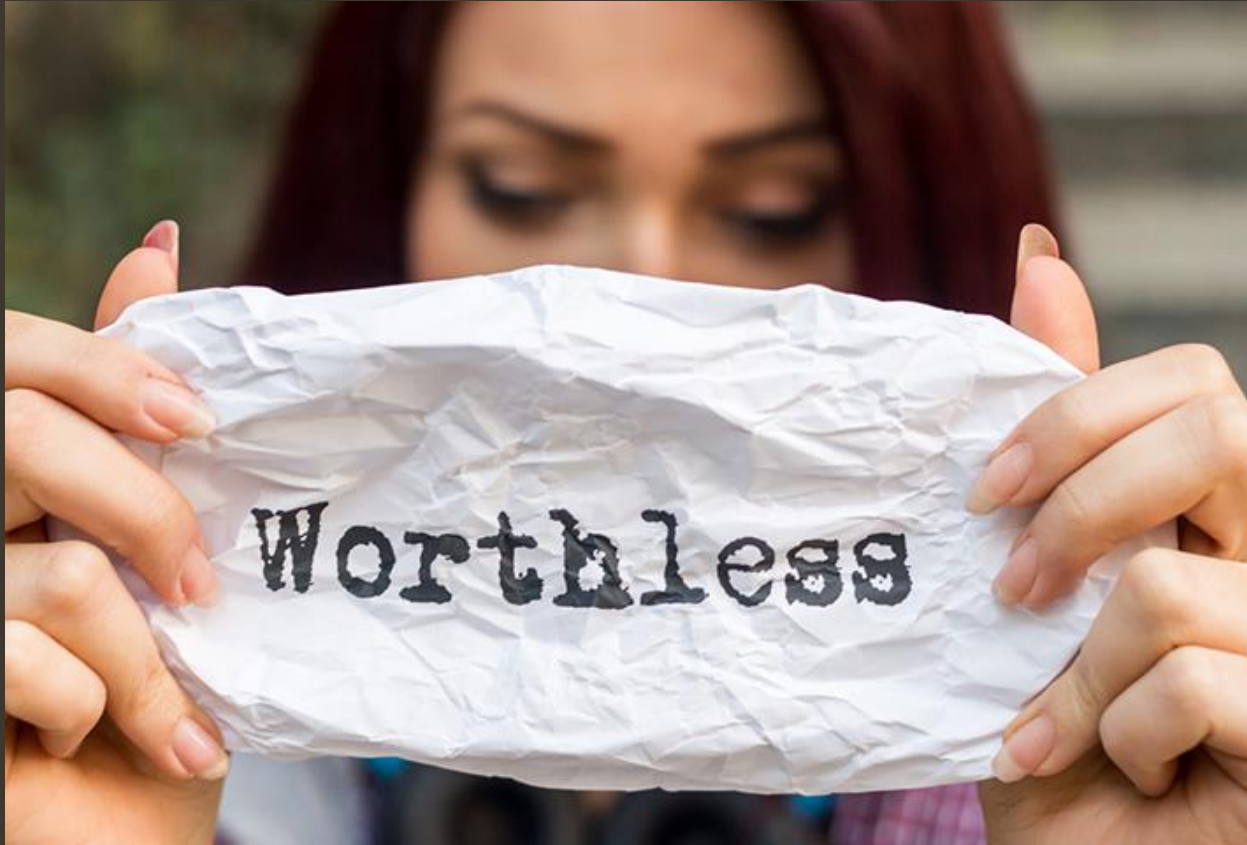
- **Mat 5:22** But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.
- Who is your brother? In this context, any fellow man.
- Three manifestations of Anger.
- Three consequences of Anger.

Manifestation/ Consequence 1

- Angry without a cause.
- Anger- (Is Natural) That feeling when injured, arises in us to defend ourselves.
- Insinuates that anger with a cause is ok.
 - Abortion, those who seek to indoctrinate children, sin in general or sinful behavior.
- Is being a sinner cause? Or is it the natural state of man?
- What is not a cause? Being of a race (Samaritans), etc.
- Consequence- Judgement: Or brought before the judicial (Smaller magistrate) power of their time.
- Not just the physical act of Murder then.



Manifestation/ Consequence 2



- Say to his brother, RACA, in danger of the council.
- From the Hebrew meaning empty, worthless, without value, weak.
- A term of great contempt. Comes from a place in the heart.
 - Directed at brothers (mankind)
 - Homeless, women who have had abortions, homosexuals, race, ethnicity.
- Brought before the Sanhedrin, this is serious at this point. Possible stoning!
- Why? With a cause anger is ok, but considering them worthless is never ok.

Manifestation/ Consequence 3



- Whosoever shall say, Thou Fool, danger of Hell Fire.
- There is a manifest gradation in the text from causeless anger in the breast, or reproachful words; and from thence to a censorious judging of a man's spiritual and eternal estate, which is what is here condemned. -John Gill-
- Making assumptions, Not worthy of, putting ourselves in God's position.
- Punishment for calling a man this for the Jews? Excommunicated, considered a bastard, beaten with 40 stripes.
- Hell Fire- Not out understanding of Hell, but the Jews understanding of Hell. Geenna not Hades.

The ultimate consequence and remedy.

- **Mat 5:23** Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; (If you have done any of these things to him, he has something against you)
- Mat 5:24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. (Clear your ledger, then come to God, there is a breakdown of fellowship here)
- Mat 5:25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. (This is to present lawsuits, and not just with believers. We should strive to keep things from escalating.)
- Mat 5:26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing. (Pay what is due, all of it)

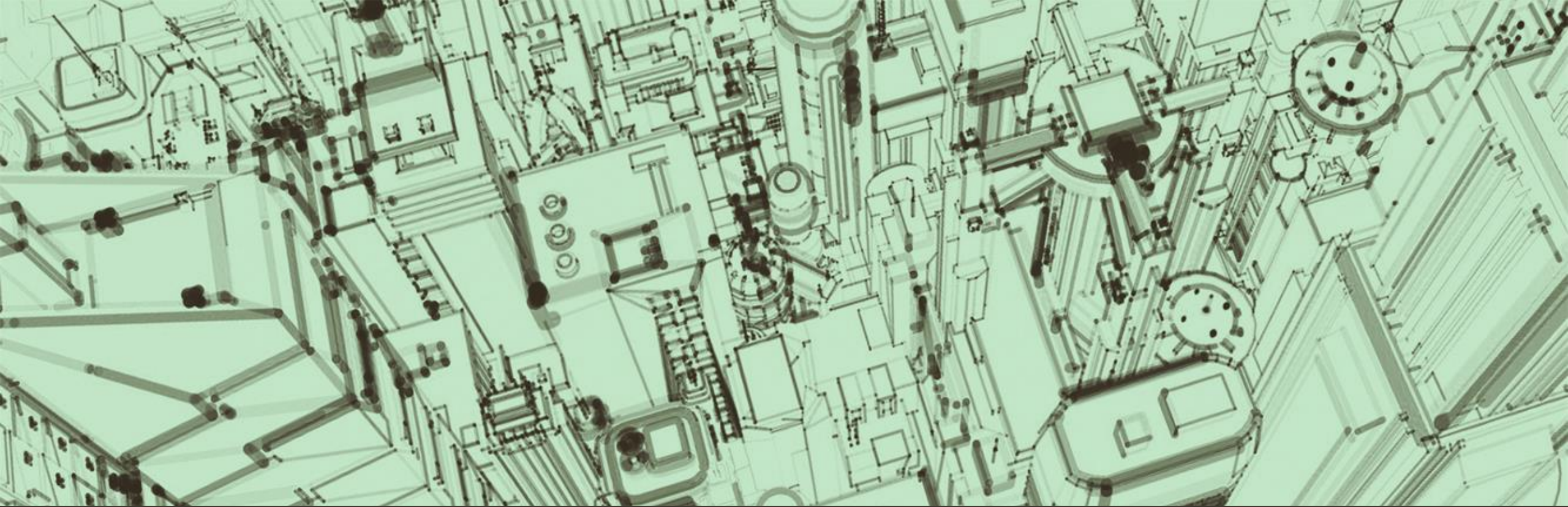
Ultimately...

- Murder, is terrible and illegal morally and by statute.
- But just as bad...
 - Anger without cause.
 - Considering someone worthless.
 - Considering someone wicked or reprobate. Ungodly, wretched, graceless deserving of eternal damnation.
- Get it right immediately in your own heart.
- Take responsibility for your actions, no when you have committed offense and act.
- If we are to be a city on a Hill, we must.



Hear and Do...

This is how we are light.



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Matthew 5:13-16

