

UNHOLY ANGER (Matthew 5:21-26)

INTRODUCTION:

In our message today - Unholy Anger – Christ addresses the root issue of anger in our hearts, emphasizing the necessity of reconciliation and immediate action to address conflict with others before approaching God in worship.

In this message, we will study:

- I. THE LAW AGAINST MURDER (v. 21; Exod 20:23; Deut 5:17)**
 - A. According to the KJV Dictionary, murder is defined as: the unlawful killing of a human being by another with premeditation and malice.**
 - B. The Bible considers murder a serious crime because it violates the sanctity of human life – all human life is sacred, holy and precious**
 - C. Human life is to be protected, respected, loved, and cherished. No life is to be taken, neither one’s own life nor the life of anyone else.**
 - D. God ordained and created life and no man has the right to take that life.**

- II. THE MEANING OF UNHOLY ANGER (v. 22)**
 - A. Jesus is teaching that Unholy Anger is the same as murder.**
 - B. Unholy Anger is when a person wishes illness, injury, harm, or something bad to happen to another person.**
 - C. The Apostle John echoes the words of Jesus – The person who hates another person is a murderer at heart (1 John 3:15).**
 - D. Murder and Anger
Note: Righteous Anger (Gal 1:6-10; Matt 21:12-13; Eph 4:26-27)**

- III. THE DANGER OF UNHOLY ANGER (v. 22)**
 - A. The Danger of Anger**
 - B. The Danger of Slander**
 - C. The Danger of Condemning Character**

- IV. THE ANSWER TO UNHOLY ANGER (vv. 23-25)**
 - A. Reconciliation is Always Before Worship (v. 23-24; 1 John 4:20-21; Matt 6:12-15; Ps 139:24; 1 Cor 11:28)**
 - B. Be Quick to Reconcile with Others – Why? (Eph 4:32)**

- V. THE CONSEQUENCES OF UNHOLY ANGER (vv. 25-26)**
 - A. Earthly Damage – of holding Anger**
 - B. Eternal Damage: Life does not end – Judgment Day is coming.**
 - C. The Terrible End of Unholy Anger (v. 26; 2 Cor 5:10; Eph 2:13-14, 16)**

CONCLUSION:

A. Always examine your heart for areas that you might be harboring anger or resentment.

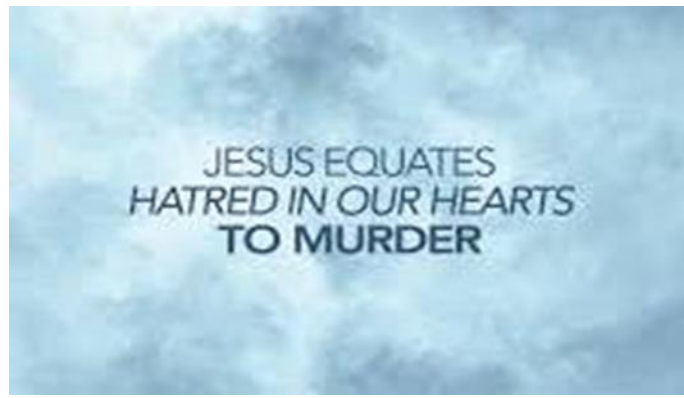
B. Always take proactive steps to address conflict with others – seek forgiveness and offer it to others.

C. Always remember that it is through Christ that we can find Grace and Salvation to overcome Anger and live in Peace.

D. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

E. Recite to Control Anger

Lord, we know that we cannot handle our anger on our own. We need your guidance and your peace in our life. Fill me with your Holy Spirit, so that we may have the self-control and patience to handle difficult situations with grace and love. Thank you, God for your love, mercy and forgiveness.



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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).